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Report cards

Report cards for Bay High School can be picked up in the main office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Youth program

First Presbyterian Church, 114 Ulman Avenue, Bay St. Louis is holding a summer youth program.

Children ages 8-16 are invited to join.

Registration and the first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

For information call Kathy Mauffray, 467-1253 or Debbie Trotter, 467-4055.

Flag Day

A Flag Day ceremony will be held at the Bay Flag Memorial Monument, 8 a.m. Saturday, June 14.

The monument is located at the Hancock County Walking Track, Highway 90, Bay St. Louis.

American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, Boy Scouts, Bay High JROTC and National Guardsmen will take part in the early morning ceremony.

There will also be color guards and the large 30 ft. by 50 ft. U.S. flag will be raised to fly for the holiday weekend.

The public is invited and urged to attend the flag raising program.

Second Saturday

Old Town continues its revived tradition of staying open late and providing entertaining events for Second Saturday, June 14.

For more information call Ellis Anderson at Quarter Moon, 467-7279 or Vicki Niolet at Paper Moon, 467-8318.

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Sun.	9:52 a.	11:25 p.
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Shoreline Park battle brewing

Campers focus of dispute

See related story, page 3A
BY ED LEPOMA

Shoreline Park homeowners are mad, and they're not going to take it anymore.

County zoning enforcement officer Willie Gavney is frustrated and says his hands are tied.

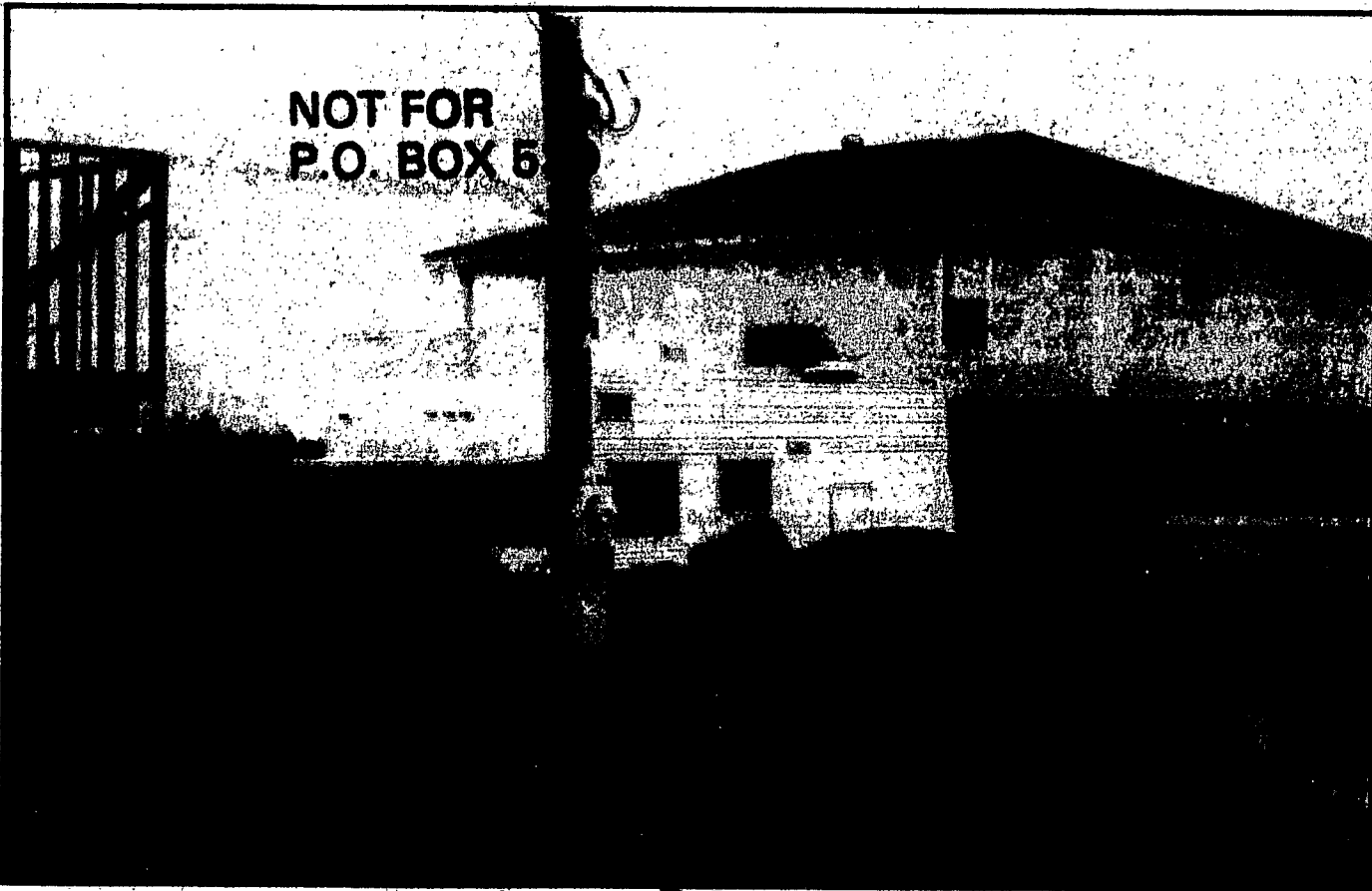
People living in recreational vehicles and campers in Shoreline Park say homeowners are threatening to burn them out.

Those who have built expensive homes on Bayou LaCroix say they're houses are being robbed by itinerant campers who move into the neighborhood.

Hancock County Sheriff Ronnie Peterson says his dispatcher frequently gets complaints about some alleged illegal activity going on in Shoreline Park.

Bob Boutler, who heads the Southeast Region of the Federal Emergency Management Agency out of Jackson, is scheduled to step right into the middle of the melee today.

DISPUTE—PAGE 10A



Familiar sight

Shoreline Park homeowners, who have built homes valued over \$100,000 are complaining about neighbors temporarily living out of trailers. It's perfectly legal for someone to get a permit to stay on a lot in flood-prone areas at least 180 days if they plan to build

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on the site and have a recreational vehicle or camper with a self-contained septic tank, but homeowners say many exceed the limited stay, and are discharging raw sewerage into Bayou LaCroix. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

Thriffiley ushered in new era of Bay government

BY BETSY GAGNET

In July, Bay St. Louis celebrates the 20th anniversary of its present city government and Councilman Jim Thriffiley has been a part of it from the beginning.

On March 19, 1977, Bay voters approved the present Mayor-Council form of government becoming the first city in Mississippi to adopt such a form. Previously, the city was run under a Municipal Commission Council consisting of the mayor, a Commissioner of Finance and a Commissioner of Utilities, all elected citywide.

In May 1977, the first elec-

tions were held for the four council members, each representing a ward, and for the councilman-at-large.

"It's extremely hard work to protect people from those who seek to destroy what we have so they can make a profit..."

Bay councilman
Jim Thriffiley

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This year, Thriffiley takes his seat for a sixth term as

councilman of Ward 2. He has served under three different mayors, Larry Bennett, Victor Frankiewicz, Jr. and Eddie Favre, and has seen fellow councilmen come and go.

"When I got elected, for eight years people called me commissioner," laughed Thriffiley. "They knew I wasn't the mayor, so they assumed I was a commissioner."

He had four opponents in his first general election, running against Harold Carver, Linda McCulloch and Joseph Petta.

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Group protests hog trapping

BY RICHARD MEEK

Although called a "done deal," by one official, animal rights activists are protesting a decision by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission to issue permits to trap wild hogs at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Port officials said the wild hogs have been troublesome for years, wreaking havoc on tenants' property and the park's railroad bed as well. The problem has escalated since con-

fences caused by the hogs.

But that did little to pacify three members of the In Defense of Animals group who appeared before the P&H on Monday to plea the hogs' case.

"I don't want to see anybody get hurt but I don't want to see the hogs hurt either," said Sandy Moran. "Who wants to eat wild hogs? The killing would be just that, a kill."

"Before (issuing the trapping permits), and killing the defenseless hogs, what are the

"I don't want to see anybody get hurt but I don't want to see the hogs hurt either...The killing would be just that, a kill..."

Animal rights activist Sandy Moran

"Don't think the hogs are friendly to anyone who walks up to them...We can't continue to have this existing in our industrial park..."

P&H President Dave McDonald

struction began on the giant Wellman manufacturing plant. P&H Commissioner Lou Hall said Wellman has had to constantly repair damage to

solutions?" Mary Hoffman said it sounded like "a problem for

TRAPPING—PAGE 10A



Flood problems

A strong Southeast wind has caused street flooding in several areas of Hancock County. Above, in Shoreline Park, water covered many streets, causing some to wade to their homes. At least one street in Waveland was also flooded. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

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OBITUARY

GLENN AUSTIN DILL JR.
ROBERT JOHNSTON
HENRY A. FONTAINE JR.

GLENN AUSTIN DILL JR.
Glenn Austin Dill Jr., 65, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, June 10, 1997, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Dill was a native of Gary, Okla., and a longtime resident of Pass Christian. He served in the U.S. Navy as a Sea Bee. He was an aeronautical engineer with NASA for 26 years. He retired as resident manager responsible for Marshall Space Flight Center, Shuttle Engine Testing facility at Stennis Space Center. He was a graduate of the University of Oklahoma and was a member of the Pass Christian Yacht Club.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Givens Dill of Pass Christian; a son, Austin Dill of Madison, Miss.; a daughter, Kim Nelson of Saucier; brothers Don Dill of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Joe Dill of Casper, Wyo.; a sister, Dee Grunwald of Mutual, Okla.; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, June 13, 10-11 a.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by services at the funeral home chapel. A private committal service will be held at Cedar Rest Cemetery at a later date.

ROBERT JOHNSTON
Robert Gregory Johnston, 50, of Ballwin, Mo., died Friday, June 6, 1997, in The Netherlands.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Picayune and a flight engineer for Southern Air Transport. He was a Baptist and was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Johnston of Ballwin; his parents, Robert and Abi Johnston of Picayune; two sons, Donnie Johnston of Carriere and David Johnston of Picayune; two daughters, Jennifer Ware of Denver and Sarah Johnston of Ballwin; a brother, Bruce Johnston of the Nacaise Crossing community; and three grandchildren.

Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. today at McDonald Funeral Home

in Picayune. Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, where friends may call from noon until service time. Burial will be in New Palestine Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 16808, Jackson, MS 39236.

HENRY A. FONTAINE JR.
Henry Anthony Fontaine Jr., 75, of Diamondhead, died June 6, 1997 in Breckenridge, Colo.

Mr. Fontaine was born in New Orleans, obtained a degree in geology at Louisiana State University and worked for Shell Oil Co. for many years. Later he changed careers and obtained a graduate degree in library science, also at LSU.

Fontaine was director of the Jefferson County Library System near Denver and later the library program officer for Region 8 in the Denver office of the U.S. Department of Education. He was in the Merchant Marine service and also served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Fontaine was active in the Breckenridge community. He owned a mountain home for 22 years and still owns a commercial building on Breckenridge's Main Street.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Fontaine of Diamondhead; two sons, Berry Fontaine of Washington D.C. and Jeff Fontaine of New York City; two daughters, Dionne Epstein of New Orleans and Eva Joel Hart of Bay St. Louis; a stepdaughter, Pam Lifton of Clermont, Ga.; two sisters, Claire Weldner of Slidell and Connie Rayes of New Orleans; three brothers, George, Arthur and Stanley Fontaine, all of New Orleans, and four grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at the Fairmount Cemetery in Denver. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Diamondhead.

The family prefers contributions to the Henry Fontaine Memorial Fund, Holy Cross High School, 4950 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, LA 70117, or to the Breckenridge Elite Athletes Foundation, P. O. Box 5705, Breckenridge, CO 80424.

Hate Crimes Institute stresses proactive steps

The director of the first Institute for Hate Crimes Prevention at the University of Southern Mississippi June 16-20 hopes participants learn effective, proactive ways of dealing with and avoiding hate crimes in society.

"Some of the curriculum is about the subject of hate crimes — the laws, how we deal with hate crimes offenders, that sort of thing," said Dr. Michael Clay Smith, professor of criminal justice at USM and director of the institute.

"But the larger portion of the curriculum is dedicated to giving participants proactive ways to deal with hate crimes. We look at how do we as a society deal with and find ways to avoid hate crimes," Smith said.

The term "hate crime" refers

to using categories like race, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability or sexual preference as a basis for hatred, Smith said.

The goal of the five-day "Hate Crimes and American Justice" institute is to teach tolerance of diversity that can be passed along in Mississippi classrooms and in daily life, he said.

"I think it's important to point out that this institute is not designed to take sides on any issues," Smith said. "We're not trying to make everybody think alike — it's OK to have your own opinion on these issues."

"What we are trying to do is find ways to cultivate a mature society that accepts diversity and does not use violence as a way to settle differences of opinion."

The institute is being funded by a \$300,000 Department of Education grant. About 30 school leaders and educators "who can put this training into action in Mississippi schools" are planning to take part in the institute, Smith said. Additionally, about 25 individuals have signed up to take the institute as a for-credit course.

The institute is also offering two tracks of training — one focused on needs of educators and another focused on law enforcement needs.

That way, educational leaders can learn "ways to diffuse a potentially volatile situation in a classroom" while those from a law enforcement perspective can hear about issues more attuned to their needs, Smith said.

The institute begins Monday, June 16 with an address by James H. Meredith, a longtime activist and the first African-American to be admitted to the University of Mississippi.

Meredith will set the stage for the training to follow by "talking about the course of his life and his observations on life in

Sacred Heart Bazaar

Sacred Heart Church will have its annual Bazaar Thursday through Sunday, June 19-22 on the parish grounds, 14595 Vidalia Road, Dedeaux. Bazaar hours are:

Thurs./Fri., June 19-20, 6-10 p.m.

Sat., June 21, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Sun., June 22, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

Softball tournaments, both men's and ladies' teams, will be held Thursday and Friday starting at 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday starting at 8 a.m.

There will be game booths for children, crafts and carnival rides for every age. The menu will include hamburgers, French fries, fried fish or chicken, nachos and cheese, chicken gumbo and seafood gumbo, desserts, snow cones and popcorn.

There will be a prize bingo Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. and again Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the old Dedeaux School.

The big raffle will be Sunday. First prize is \$500, second prize \$300, third prize \$100, and fourth prize is a gas chain saw, all four prizes on the same ticket for \$1.

Live entertainment will be provided Friday from 7-10 p.m., Saturday from 2-12 p.m. and Sunday, 2-10 p.m.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who supported the Barbara Nacaise benefit. God Bless All. Thank you, Nacaise Family

Book signing

Ocean Springs author Micah Hackler returns to Bookends Bookstore, 111 Hwy. 90, Saturday, June 14 at 1 p.m.

Shadow Catcher (Dell, \$5.50) a mystery novel featuring Sheriff Cliff Lansing is the third in a series set in the desert Southwest.

Appearing with Hackler will

be Diamondhead resident Alex Molnar.

He will sign his book, *Mission Hong Kong: 1944-1945* (Commonwealth, \$4.95) an adventure thriller set in China.

The publis is invited to meet these local authors or may call to reserve copies if they are unable to attend.

Dancing rescheduled

Dancing at the Depot, originally scheduled for the Memorial Day weekend, has been rescheduled to June 21 from 6-10 p.m. at the Depot in Bay St.

Louis. Southern Mississippi performance at the Depot was formerly known as the Depot in the Park.

ST. ANN-ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
You cannot repent too soon, for you know not how soon it may be too late.

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near.

Isaiah 55:6
Restoration always seems to bring joy.

The ransomed of the Lord will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 35:10
Now and then it is good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy.

I thank God for my handicaps, for, through them, I have found myself, my work and my God.

—Helen Keller
Nobody can always have devout feelings: and even if we could, feelings are not what God principally cares about. Christian love . . . is an affair of the will. But the great feelings come and go, His love for us does not. — C. S. Lewis

There was an appreciation party recently at St. Ann for Father Arthur Winters from St. Augustine Seminary. Many thanks to Genette Butsch who made the banners for his party. Many thanks to everyone who participated in any way to its success. Sincere thanks and

appreciation also to Lois Saucier and Yvonne Garcia for the loan of their Blessed Mother statues for the May crowning; Sam and Cecelia Giaise for the planter and wishing well, and Grace Ladner for her delicious cake.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to Anna and Jerry Medley for their beautiful flowers.

A special thank-you to everyone who participated in any way to the success of the annual parish Turkey Shoot last weekend.

This Saturday, June 14, the CYO will sponsor a car wash in Wal-Mart parking lot from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. to raise money for Saltillo.

In the event you were unable to make the first one, there will be another one Saturday, June 22 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. same place, Wal-Mart.

The very active and busy group of teens is planning a gumbo and potato salad luncheon immediately after St. Ann's 10:30 a.m. Mass June 29 at \$5 per plate.

So far there are nine CYO members signed up to make the trip to Saltillo, but it's not too late yet.

Mark your calendars now! There will be a (pot luck) luncheon on Sunday, June 22 and birthday and anniversary party for Father Kelly. Party is a surprise, so don't tell him. He will be here in the nick of time for party.

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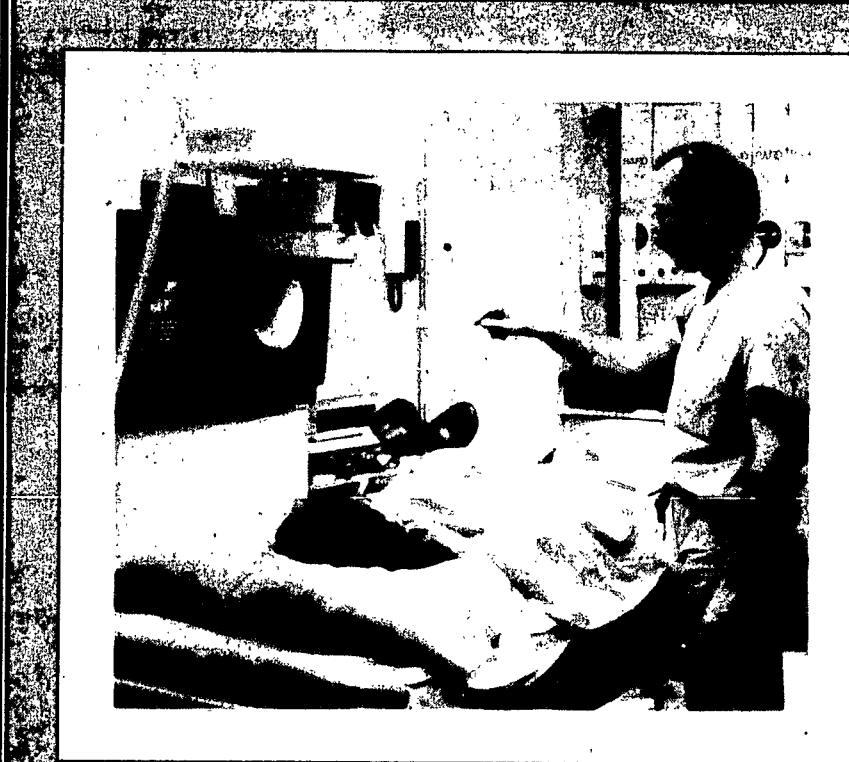
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Planning Commission to study RV, camper/trailer regulations

BY ED LEPOMA

The Hancock County Planning Commission wants to take a closer look at regulating recreational vehicles and camper/trailers.

The Commission held a public hearing Thursday on proposed amendments to the recently adopted Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance. Previously, it had asked its consultant, Bill Hessell, to define and address the differences between camper/trailers and recreational vehicles and a recreational vehicle park. The descriptions were not part of the zoning ordinance and text adopted last January by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

Hessell was also asked to recommend where in the county the vehicles would be banned or allowed as a "conditional use."

No one from the public came to speak for or against the proposed amendments, although the public hearing was advertised in the local media.

But, Commissioners wrestled among themselves over the proposals.

As proposed, Hessell described a recreational vehicle as: "A vehicular type unit that (1) is intended to be transported over the streets and highways either as a motor vehicle or attached to and hauled by a motor vehicle and (2) is designed for temporary use as sleeping quarters, but does not satisfy one or more of the criteria of a mobile home. The basic entities are travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper, fifth wheel, park model and motor home."

A Recreational Vehicle Park was described as: "A parcel of land upon which two or more recreational vehicle sites are located, established or maintained for occupancy by recreational vehicles or vacation purposes. Sites are typically rented on a daily, weekly or

monthly basis."

Hessell recommended that recreational vehicles be banned in single family areas, and zones in the county that are set aside for commercial and industrial purposes. They would be allowed as a "conditional use" in two and multi-family residential areas and all parts of the county zoned A-1, Agriculture.

To get conditional approval, residents would have to pay a \$35 fee and come before the Planning Commission to get permission to park the vehicles in certain areas.

Hessell also recommended that recreational vehicle parks only be allowed as a conditional use in two or multi-family residential areas, in agriculture areas, and in neighborhood commercial areas, and a "restricted" use in highway commercial areas. The restricted use means the planning commission would have to grant a special exception before the park is allowed in a highway commercial corridor.

Skip Marsh, who serves as vice chairman of the planning commission, said if he had his way, he would ban the vehicles altogether from R-1, single-family residential areas or at least set a limit on how long they could stay on a lot. Current federal regulations provide that the vehicles can stay as long as 180 days at a time in the flood plain areas of the county. He got approval to temporarily table the measure.

But other commissioners felt citizens should be allowed to bring in RVs and campers on weekends for fishing and other recreational purposes. The consensus was there are certain waterfront residential areas in the county where people can't get permission to build because there is no sewerage system available.

The Planning Commission also held a public hearing on a

request by DiGiPh Communications of Mobile to construct a 150-foot-tall telecommunications tower on a 35-acre tract southwest of Lower Bay Road. The area is zoned multi-family residential and towers are allowed as a "conditional use."

Frank Klein told commissioners he owned most of the surrounding land, and none of his neighbors opposed his leasing the land for the tower.

No one came to object, and commissioners approved the tower. Klein will lease the tract to the Mobile communications firm for a period of five years, with four options to renew every five years.

But, the same firm was turned down on a request to install another tower on Paradise Lane, in an area zoned single-family residential. Commissioners said there was not enough space for it.

Three requests to place mobile homes were granted, and one was temporarily turned down.

Commissioners gave Noel Gillan permission to place a mobile home for six months on his property at 16103 Hwy. 90 in Pearlinton.

Gillan said his home was infested with termites and had water damages, and he wants to place the trailer of the property adjacent to his home while he makes repairs. He said he would tie into the existing septic tank until work is completed.

Permission was also granted to place a mobile home at 7017 West Forest in Bayside Park's Royal Oaks Subdivision.

Owner Ruby Wallace must first get septic tank approval from the county health department.

The same provision was made to allow Karen Pampas Barrois to place a double-wide

trailer on lots she owns on Jeff Davis Drive located in Bayside Park.

The Commission tabled a request by Angela Cusimano to place a mobile home on three lots she owns on Mississippi Street in Shoreline Park.

The area is sewer, but Commissioner Marsh said he wanted to first survey the site before granting conditional approval.

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Citizens support beach walkway

BY ED LEPOMA

A mostly supportive, but small group of citizens attended a public hearing at the Hancock County Courthouse Tuesday night to back a long-awaited pedestrian walkway/bikeway path.

The hearing was not required, but called by District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand to gauge any last minute resistance that might be mounting against the largely federally financed project. Cowand serves as chairman of the committee formed to select projects using funds channeled to the county through the national Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). She also invited members of the county's Sand Beach Committee to the meeting.

Sue Chamberlain, who oversees the administration of the \$951,000 grant made to the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, said the intent of the ISTEA program is to encourage alternative modes of transportation.

Under an agreement reached between the county, Bay St. Louis and Waveland, each entity will provide the 20 percent match to the federal grant. The county has pledged \$175,380, the Bay, \$123,990 and Waveland, \$12,060. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$1.2 million.

Chamberlain said the proposed route of the bikeway and pedestrian walkway has been changed several times, but, "We now have the preliminary design and we have until November to modify it." Construction is scheduled to begin in early 1998.

As now proposed, a boardwalk would be built on the south side of the beach, running 2.75 miles from the Garfield Ladner Pier in Waveland to the Washington Avenue boat launch in the Bay.

The pathway would be linked to an urban bikeway system which would make an almost eight-mile loop through Bay St.

Louis. The bikeway will encompass Dunbar Avenue, north of Hwy. 90 and south of Hwy. 90.

The loop will travel Dunbar to Old Spanish Trail, to St. Charles. At St. Charles, bikers will travel to Waveland to Nicholson Avenue, from Nicholson to Beach Boulevard, back to

Bay St. Louis parallel to the pedestrian boardwalk. In Bay St. Louis, the bikeway heads down Union Street to Second Street to Ulman Avenue.

Teenager Robin Mason was among the enthusiastic supporters of the project. "I think it's a great idea. I ride my bike a lot. I don't drive," she said.

Bay St. Louis Councilman Charles Scianna said he also backed the project. He said the boardwalk along the beach would greatly help to reduce current beach erosion that occurs during southeast winds.

Echo Publisher Ellis Cuevas, who serves as vice chairman of the Sand Beach Committee, said, "It's a great project. The whole community will benefit."

Joe Viguere, who said he once lived on South Beach, but now lives on N. Second Street, asked whether beachfront property owners have been notified they might have to give up some of their land for the pedestrian boardwalk.

Jeff Loftus, with the GRPC, said planners are trying to keep the walkway and bike path along city rights-of-ways, but, "We still need to obtain some rights-of way from private owners."

The GRPC will begin notifying affected owners immediately, he said.

Auditions scheduled

Bay St. Louis Little Theater is holding auditions beginning Sunday, June 15, for a youth program scheduled in July.

The production includes two one-act plays: a mystery fantasy entitled, "The Mystery of the Gum Drop Dragon" with parts for 17 children ages seven through 12; and "Egad, What a Cad," an 1890s melodrama, with parts for 7 youths, ages 13 through college.

Tryouts for Egad, under the direction of Alice Holmes, are scheduled at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 16. All auditions are at the playhouse on Boardman Avenue.

Auditions for the younger group, under the direction of Glenda Coss, are scheduled at the playhouse at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 21.

For additional information, contact Coss at 467-5326 or 467-3710.



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"CUEVAS" QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Many of you are wondering to whom the honors went in the 7th Annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off benefit for the American Cancer Society.

As far as I am concerned every entry was a winner, and the big winner was the American Cancer Society.

I feel it was not possible for a person to try every entry as there were so many which were good. I probably got to taste about half of the entries and could have made a meal of each of them.

The competition has become very keen, and this is good.

Chuck (Red Bean) Breath was all smiles as he breezed through the crowd at the Magic Dome Monday. There were many volunteers on hand to help in any way needed.

There are a lot of thanks which need to be mentioned, and I will try to address some of them and hopefully I will not miss too many.

Anyway, number one has to be Chuck Breath, who as the saying goes "picked up the ball" to serve as the general chairman when such a person was desperately needed.

Casino Magic for the use of the Magic Dome and other support, each and every entry and their helpers, RSVP volunteers, L.H. Hayward & Company, supplier of Camellia Brand Kidney Beans, judges, local businesses and organizations for donations of various kinds and each and everyone who helped in some way.

Let us not forget those who took the time to be come out and eat lunch at the cook-off, as they were needed, too.

We look forward to next year's event.

On Saturday morning I visited the Hancock County Farmers Market behind the Civic Center on Longfellow.

It was the most vendors and customers I have witnessed at one time at the facility.

All the stall space was taken up by vendors, and several were outside. Seems the facility will soon have to be extended.

There was sure some very good fresh produce available at the market.

The Farmers Market is open on Saturday and Wednesday mornings. There are several vendors who have been at the market for many years, and it was good to see them again.

While on the subject of farming, while at Sunday School last week, Jack Hively of Waveland announced he made his first harvest of beans for the season, a total of seven beans.

Jack seems to be a newcomer in the gardening business and is finding out that it takes some skill and a bit of luck growing vegetables.

One of the biggest problems for gardeners this year has been so much moisture.

Anyway, I am sure that Jack is enjoying his new experience of gardening.

The only thing I planted this year was some red potatoes, which are about ready for harvest.

Last fall I planted some elephant garlic which grew through the winter, and I harvested it a couple weeks ago. I now have it drying for storage. Fresh garlic is really good, and Jane and I use it in our cooking.

A Flag Day ceremony will be held on Saturday, 8 a.m. at the Hancock County Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center.

Gene Schloegel, Bay Flag Memorial coordinator, reports there will be color guards and youth groups at the Flag Day ceremonies.

County and city officials, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks, Boy Scouts, Bay High JROTC and National Guard will take part in the early morning flag raising program.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

FROM THE STATE AUDITOR

Qs & As
By Phil Bryant

COUNTIES

Q Has legislation been enacted providing for the listing of the social security or tax identification number of the defendant in the judgment roll by the circuit clerk, if such information is known or readily ascertainable?

A Yes. (H. B. 1223, Regular Session 1997 effective July 1, 1997)

Q Has legislation been enacted revising the date by which the board of supervisors must adopt an order disallowing an application for home-
stead exemption and making a correction to the supplemental roll?

A Yes. (H.B. 1261 Regular Session 1997 effective July 1, 1997)

Q Has legislation been enacted which deletes the repealer on authority to assess ad valorem taxes on an inventory

of goods and merchandise based upon an average of the preceding 12 months from Jan. 1 of each year?

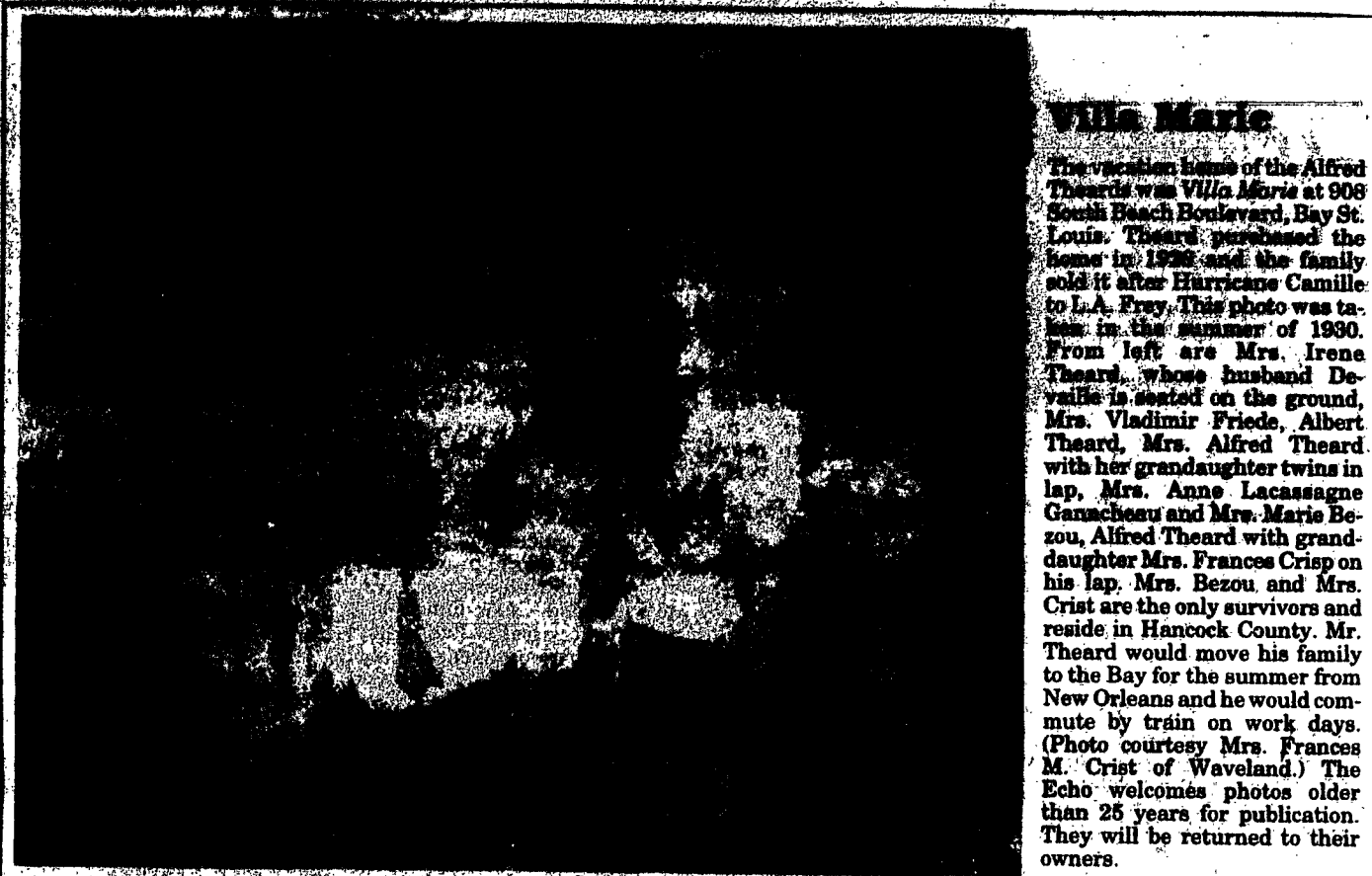
A Yes. (H.B. 385 Regular Session 1997 effective July 1, 1997)

Q Has legislation been enacted increasing the salaries of various county officials and to include the value of gas in the assessed valuation to determine a county's classification for fixing certain salaries?

A Yes. (S. B. 2219, Regular Session 1997 effective when effectuated under the Voting Rights Act or Oct. 1, 1997, whichever occurs later)

Q Has legislation been enacted providing that county officials may be paid twice a month?

A Yes. (S.B. 2219 and 2961, Regular Session 1997 effective when effectuated under the Voting Rights Act or Oct. 1, 1997, whichever occurs later and April 24, 1997, respectively.



Villa Marie

The vacation home of the Alfred Theard was Villa Marie at 908 South Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis. Theard purchased the home in 1930 and the family sold it after Hurricane Camille to L.A. Fray. This photo was taken in the summer of 1930. From left are Mrs. Irene Theard, whose husband Devalle is seated on the ground, Mrs. Vladimir Friede, Albert Theard, Mrs. Alfred Theard with her granddaughter twins in lap, Mrs. Anne Lacassagne Ganacheau and Mrs. Marie Bezou, Alfred Theard with granddaughter Mrs. Frances Crisp on his lap. Mrs. Bezou and Mrs. Crisp are the only survivors and reside in Hancock County. Mr. Theard would move his family to the Bay for the summer from New Orleans and he would commute by train on work days. (Photo courtesy Mrs. Frances M. Crisp of Waveland.) The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.

ASK THE V.A.

By Donald Mauffray
Veterans Service Officer

Co-payment for Nursing Home Care
If a veteran is not in one of the groups eligible for cost-free nursing home care and his or her attributable income is higher than the threshold amount set by Congress, the veteran can still receive nursing home care if resources and facilities are available. However, such a veteran has to pay a co-payment.

Co-payment charges for nursing home care accrue in the same manner as VA hospital charges accrue.

This is, for each 90 days of either VA nursing home care or community nursing home care, the veteran will be charged the Medicare deductible for the appropriate year.

For 1997, the Medicare deductible is \$760. In addition, there is a \$5 per day fee for nursing home care.

Limitations on Community Nursing Home Care

Veterans can receive community nursing home care for an unlimited period, at VA expense, if the veteran's care is necessitated for treatment of a service-connected disability and the veteran is transferred to the community nursing home from a VA hospital or VA nursing home unit.

Also eligible are veterans receiving VA hospital based home health services, and the hospitalization or nursing home care was primarily for a service-connected disability.

If the community nursing home care is necessary because of a no-service-connected disability, care at the expense of the

VA is limited to six months.

However, in the following circumstances, some veterans may be granted an extension of nursing care, at VA expense, of up to 45 days in a public or private nursing home care facility when:

1. The veteran's application for payment of care through a public assistance program has been delayed and is expected to be resolved within the extension period;

2. The veteran's arrangements for private care have been unavoidably delayed (for example, due to problems with liquidation of property) and arrangements are expected to be completed within the extension period; or

3. The veteran is terminally ill and life expectancy is determined to be less than six months.

If the veteran is not being treated for a service-connected disability, and he/she has received community nursing home care for the maximum possible time (six months, or longer if an extension was received), the veteran will have to pay for further treatment. However, some veterans can arrange for payment through a public program such as Medicaid.

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FROM THE SENATE

By Senator Trent Lott

The Congressional Award

When I travel around Mississippi, as well as the rest of the country, I am pleasantly surprised to see large numbers of young people actively involving themselves to make our society better. Too often, news accounts lead us to believe many young people are uninvolved and uninterested.

I know differently. Our nation is truly blessed with an abundance of outstanding young people, and proof of this can be seen in those who have received the Congressional Award.

Congress legislates only two awards, the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Congressional Award, which shows this is a prestigious award. The Congressional Award was established by Congress in 1979 to recognize young people ages 14 to 23 who individually set and achieved goals in volunteer community service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition.

The program has been an overwhelming success, encouraging teens and young adults to take a leadership role in their communities and better themselves. Since the Congressional Award was established, more than 6,100 awards have been presented, representing more than one million voluntary community service hours throughout the United States.

My wife Tricia and I believe very strongly in the Congressional Award Program. Tricia has spent many hours working to promote and raise money for the program, since it is funded completely through private donations, not taxpayer dollars.

We both feel it is important for young people to have goals, and this program offers a structure to help them achieve those goals. In a time when it seems teen pregnancy and dropout rates are rising every day, a program like the Congressional Award keeps young people involved in something which will make them better citizens and more confident in their own accomplishments.

The Congressional Award also honors Americans who work to improve the lives of our

young people by providing leadership and encouragement. At a recent Congressional Award dinner, hosted by Tricia, actor Tom Selleck, former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and Congressman Esteban E. Torres were all presented with honors.

Selleck received the Horizon Award for his work as spokesman for the Character Counts Coalition, which encourages ethical growth in young people. Selleck often speaks of the importance of children learning to recognize the fallacy that "something is proper because it is permissible and something is ethical because it is legal."

Dole and Torres were given Leadership Awards for their work on the Congressional Award Joint Leadership Commission. All three of these men exemplify the type of leadership and self-reliance the Congressional Award is meant to encourage.

The way the Congressional Award program works is simple, and often the simple things make the biggest difference. A young person desiring to participate would contact the Congressional Award Program in Washington. He or she would propose a goal in one of four areas: voluntary public service, personal development, physical fitness, or expeditions.

The young person would develop his or her goals under the tutelage of an adult. Dependent upon whether the young person intends to earn a bronze, silver, or gold Congressional Award, the program can last seven, 15 or 24 months. Those who wish to participate in this program can write to Congressional Awards, P. O. Box 77440, Washington, DC 20013.

The Congressional Award is something that can help young people learn the importance of setting goals, and the pleasure that comes from achieving them.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Please write to: Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attention: Press Office).

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IN AND AROUND DIAMONDHEAD

By Margaret Williamson

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Tickets at the door are \$3 for adults and \$1 child.

The kids have worked really hard on this one — let them entertain you.

ACADEMY HAPPENINGS

It's vacation time, but the school would like to thank those folks who volunteered their help at the school this past year.

Patrick LaNasa, Frank Meduva and Bob Kramer have worked hard on our Nature Trail and Butterfly Garden project.

Gordon Hendrickson conducted a six-week seminar on

careers and the American enterprise system for the fifth and sixth graders. Much thanks to all our helpers, and see you next year.

WOW!

Children's vacation special going on now at Park Ten Lanes, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Two free games daily. Please call 255-9973 for information on bowling for your summer.

GOD'S CREATURES

The Waveland Animal Shelter needs 2,420 cinder blocks to enlarge their facility at 322 Gulfside Street in Waveland.

Join the "Block Party" by purchasing blocks inscribed with your name for \$2 each.

Donations of building materials of all kinds are needed. Your donations are tax deductible. To help our little friends, please call 467-0230.

NEW FACES

St. Thomas Episcopal Church has a new interim priest, the Rev. Joel Keys, and his wife Mary Beth. They have two daughters. We welcome them to our community.

GIFT IDEA

Dan Ellis, editor and publisher, announces an updated version of his popular book, *Diamondhead Jubilee*.

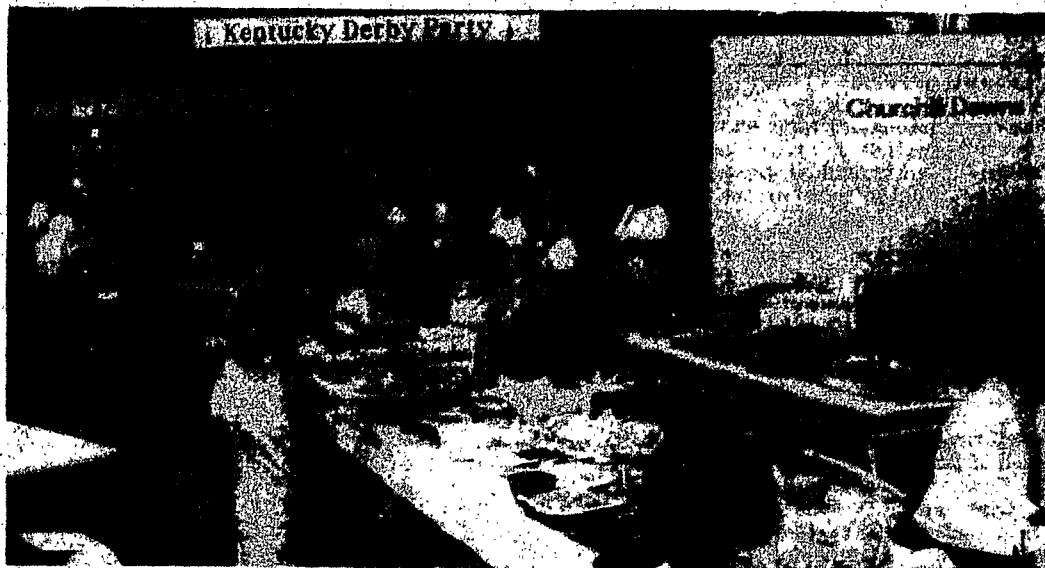
Copies are available at \$19 each, along with many Diamondhead logos at LL Ltd. in the Diamondhead Plaza shopping center.

THOUGHTS TO SHARE

I always seek the good that is in people and leave the bad to Him who made mankind, and knows how to round off the corners.

The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.

Happy Father's Day, and God bless our Dads everywhere!



Derby party

Residents of Diamondhead recently gathered at the hangar of Charlie and Wanda Horton for a Kentucky Derby party.

Oceanography education website

The Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command has added an educational section, Neptune's Web, to their homepage on the World Wide Web, <http://www.cnmc.navy.mil>

Designed by a middle school science teacher, this section can help teachers creatively bring oceanography into their classrooms while sparking interest

among their students — tomorrow's oceanographers.

Areas of interest include:

- Teacher Resources
- multi-disciplinary oceanography unit
- Internet help
- links to other educational web sites
- Student Guide
- trivia

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- "Ask an Oceanographer" forum
- Photo and map gallery
- Links to Navy meteorology and oceanography web sites
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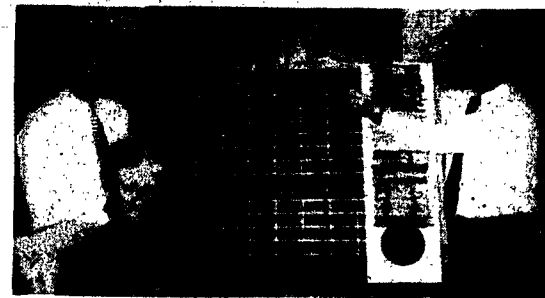
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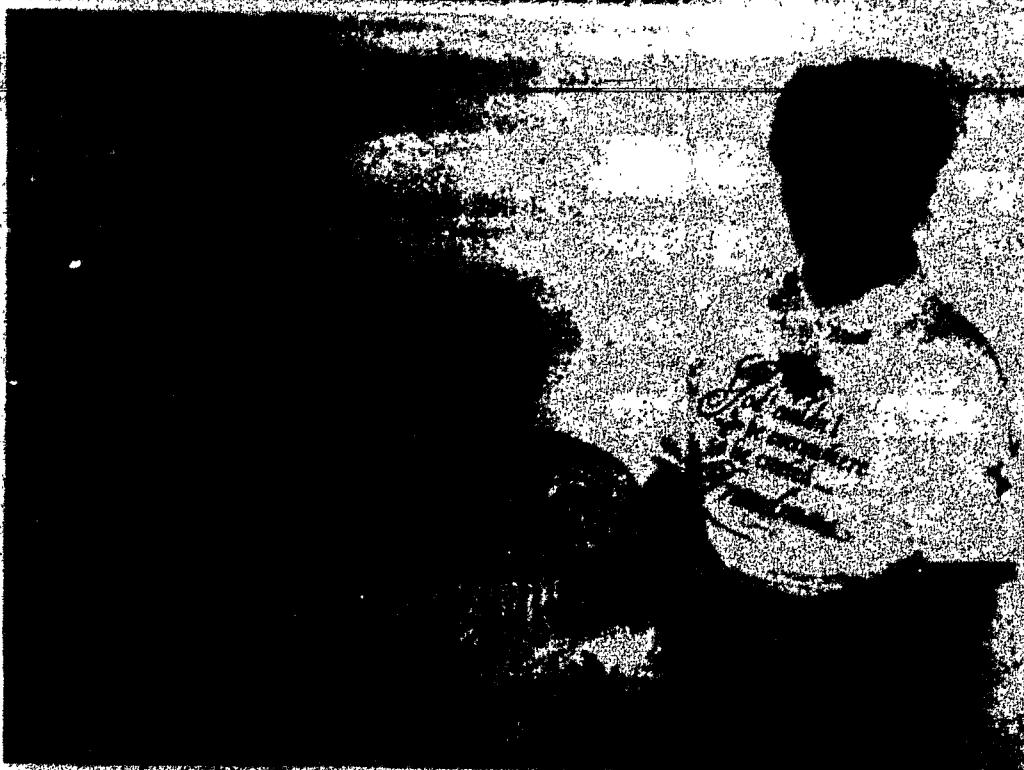
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To The Citizens of Waveland and Bay St. Louis,

On behalf of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, I would like to express my sincerest appreciation regarding the ERA Bayshore Realty Lock-up on May 22nd. The event was a huge success and the money that was raised will be used to help people with different forms of Muscular Dystrophy in the state of Mississippi. One of MDA's services is the summer camp program which occurred last week and I can honestly say that each child that was there had the time of their lives. It was a very special time and I wish that everyone can experience what I experienced last week. Again, I would like to thank Keith Mitchell and his staff, Cellular South, Waveland Police Department and all of "jailbirds" who participated in the event and I look forward to working with the fine people of Waveland and Bay St. Louis in the future.

Sincerely, Steven Sheppard, District Director



Four generations

From left, Michelle McDonald, mother, of Metairie, La., great-grandmother Lois Glass of Waveland holding Andrea Rose, born March 17, 1997, and grandmother Charlotte Call of Metairie. The four-generation picture was taken at a Mother's Day party at the home of Andrea's great-aunt and great-uncle, Freddie and Loretta Remond of Bay St. Louis.

Funding available to curtail drug abuse

State and local governments may obtain information on applying for funding projects to fight drug abuse from the Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning.

Mississippi has been awarded \$5,574,000 in federal funds under the Drug Control and System Improvement

Grant program. The funding was authorized by the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 1988. Eligible for funding are:

- Drug Abuse Resistance Education Programs (DARE) in which law enforcement officers are trained to teach DARE curriculum to school children in

kindergarten through 6th grade.

- Multi-jurisdictional task forces that integrate federal, state and/or local drug law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to enhance interagency coordination and intelligence and facilitate multi-jurisdictional investigations.

- Community crime prevention programs designed to provide additional public correctional resources and improve corrections systems, including treatment in prisons and jails, intensive supervision activities and long-range corrections and sentencing strategies.

- Criminal justice records improvement systems to assist law enforcement, prosecution, courts and corrections organizations, including automated fingerprint identification systems.

- Programs which demonstrate new and different approaches to enforcement, prosecution and adjudication of drug offenses and other serious crimes.

- Program which provide assistance to jurors, witnesses and (other than compensation) to crime victims.

- Programs to improve the operational effectiveness of the court process by expanding prosecutorial, defender and judicial resources and implementing court-delay reduction projects.

- Programs to improve drug control technology such as pretrial testing projects and enhancement of state and local forensic laboratories.

- Street sales/street-level enforcement programs with the primary goal of strengthening urban enforcement and prosecution efforts targeted at street drug sales.

- Programs which state and local governmental units may use to evaluate programs and projects directed at state drug control activities.

Mississippi will continue to place major emphasis upon enhancing of the currently funded multi-jurisdictional narcotics units, and funding for single units of government is not anticipated under this program, according to Ron Sennett, interim

Free counseling and self-help groups for people with MS

Free counseling and self-help groups are available for people with Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

On June 18, at 7 p.m., Dr. William E. Brown, director of the MS Clinic at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, will be guest speaker at the new self-help group in Gulfport at the Columbia Hospital.

The program is offered in response to requests from the Mississippi Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Along with self-help groups, professional counselors work one-to-one over the phone with people with MS, which is the leading disabling disease of young adults.

The disease is incurable and its course cannot be predicted for any given individual, causing great uncertainty in the lives of people with MS.

In addition, symptoms often come and go, and are varied, ranging from problems with vi-

sion to mobility and overwhelming fatigue.

MS is a chronic disease which involves the aging of the brain and spinal cord. It is not as they are getting older, but as they are getting older, the disease becomes more severe. It is a chronic disease, but it is not a death sentence. It is a disease that can be managed, but it is not a cure.

The Mississippi Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society sponsors 15 support groups led by people with MS, who are specially trained for the task.

Support groups, which are open to anyone, meet in the following areas: Columbus, Gautier, Greenville, Greenwood, the Coast, Hattiesburg, Jackson, McComb, Meridian, Natchez, Oxford, Ripley, Tupelo and Vicksburg, La., along with one phone support in the Oklahoma area.

Several areas would like to begin a support group. Brandon-Pelahatchie area, Houston, Macon, Pascagoula, Picayune and Southaven. Anyone wishing to start a self-help group in an area covered or not covered by those listed or are interested in joining a self-help group is invited to call Danielle C. Seale at the Mississippi Chapter office, 601-856-7575, 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

"We feel it is essential to offer as much counseling and as many self-help groups as we can, because at the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, we are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life of people with MS," said Danielle C. Seale, LMSW, chapter service director.

Other services provided by the chapter include free medical equipment through the chapter loan closet, free printed material, free programs about various

aspects of the disease, professional home health care, and information on public assistance. For more information, call 1-800-FIGHT-MS.

Blood pressure screening

Professional Home Health will hold free blood pressure screenings at the Hancock County Senior Citizens Center Wednesday, June 18 from 9-10 a.m.

Informational handouts will also be at each screening. For information, contact the Pass Christian office at 462-2997.

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Community programs

Slidell Memorial Hospital is offering the following programs:

The Heart Healthy Diet: June 19, 7 p.m., free, in the SMH Medical Office Building Conference Rooms A & B. SMH registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator Paula Brown will explain what diet and lifestyle changes can do to reduce the risk of developing heart disease. Call 646-0044 to register.

Kidney Screenings: Monday-Friday, in the SMH Pediatric Office, 1337 12th Street. Kidney is a wellness program for children who have a current Louisiana Medicaid card. It fea-

tures head-to-toe physical and developmental (Denver) screenings, lead screening and immunizations for children infants through 18 years. Available by appointment only. Call 649-8775.

TEAM Med Injury Clinic for High School Athletes: SMH Wellness Pavilion, 501 Robert Blvd. SMH Sports Medicine Clinic Medical Director Brian Pong, MD, orthopedic surgeon, and the certified athletic trainers of TEAM Med offer a free weekly clinic for high school athletes to assess and treat sports-related injuries. Call 847-9355 for dates and times for the clinics.

Parents-to-be seminars

Slidell Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is offering seminars full of helpful information for parents expecting the arrival of their new baby. Seminars are:

Breastfeeding Clinic: June 17, 7 p.m., free, in the SMH Women's Resource Suite. This informal discussion of he advantages of breastfeeding includes information on how to get started, prevent problems and what to expect those first few weeks. Husbands and grandparents are welcome. Call 646-0044 to register.

Prenatal Exercise: This fitness crib course was designed and implemented with strict adherence to the guidelines published by the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Individual attention and supervision is given by indi-

viduals with an in-depth knowledge of exercise and its effects. For information or to register, call 645-2955.

Adventures Into Parenthood — Preparation for Birth and Parenting: Designed for the woman who is at least six months pregnant, this four-session class offers information on prenatal testing, danger signs, common complaints of late pregnancy, labor, delivery, fetal monitoring, cesarean birth, relaxation and breathing, anesthesia choices and hospital care.

Early home care of mother and infant, recognizing illness in the newborn, contraceptive choices and infant CPR will also be discussed.

Pre-registration is requested. To register, call 646-0044.

Cool ice cream alternatives can help curb calories

Many people like to cool down in the summer with a large helping of refreshing ice cream, but cool treats come in many other, less-fattening varieties as well.

"Ice cream is a fairly good source of calcium," says Melissa Mixon of Mississippi State University, "but unless eaten in moderation, it does contain significant calories."

The specialist in human sciences recommends some cool alternatives to help avoid extra calories:

Buy lowfat. An easy calorie-cutting option is buying lowfat or no fat ice cream and yogurt products. Grocery stores usually carry several choices.

Freeze fruit. Frozen grapes and bananas can be healthy cool snacks. Mixon suggests placing grapes on a cookie sheet to freeze, then store in a freezer bag.

As for bananas, slice or halve with the peeling on before placing in the freezer. The peeling will come off after the fruit is slightly thawed, and peanut

butter can be added for variety.

Make your own shakes. If a blender is available, make your own shakes using yogurt and such fruits as strawberries or bananas. Also, frozen treats can be made from fruit juice by freezing them in plastic molds.

Because some commercial brands of frozen treats contain high amounts of sugar, Mixon recommends buying those with 100 percent fruit juices.

Hope Haven

Hope Haven meetings are every third Wednesday at 6 p.m. at 126 Court Street, Youth Court Building, in Bay St. Louis.

Parenting Classes

Free parenting classes will be offered in Hancock County at RSVP (Old City Hall, Bay St. Louis) for nine weeks, covering self-esteem, communications skills, nutrition, household management, discipline, child development and more.

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Some National Guard members may elect G.I. Bill by July 8

The VA has a special message for National Guard members who have served on full-time duty and who are not currently eligible for the Montgomery G.I. Bill. Active-duty members are eligible to elect the G.I. Bill benefits as a result of recent legislation.

Deadline for making an election is July 8, 1997. The affected National Guard members must pay \$1,200 to be eligible, but this amount can be collected after July 8.

By making an election, you would be entitled to \$427.67 a month for 36 months of full-time training. The number of months of entitlement could be less than 36 if you previously used VA education benefits under a different law.

VA says if you can answer yes to the following questions you may be eligible to make the election.

Did you first enter the National Guard between July 1, 1985 and Nov. 28, 1989, and was this your first period of active duty in the military?

Was this National Guard service performed under title 32, U.S. Code?

Additional questions for persons discharged from the period of service which began between July 1, 1985 and Nov. 28, 1989:

Did you receive an honorable discharge?

Did you have a high school diploma, equivalency certificate, or complete at least 12 hours of college credit at the time of your discharge? If you were an active duty on Aug. 2, 1990, did you meet this requirement by Oct. 29, 1994?

Did you serve three years or more? If not, is one of the following statements true:

1. Your commitment was for

three years or more, you served at least 36 months, and you were separated for convenience of the government.

2. You were separated for less than three years, you served at least 36 months, and you were separated for convenience of the government.

3. You were separated for hardship, service-connected disability, medical condition, or a medical condition that is not a disability and was a permanent medical condition that interfered with your performance of duty.

VA strongly encourages Guard members who believe they may be eligible to submit an election before the July 8, 1997 deadline.

A Guard member on active duty should submit an election through Guard channels. Contact your Education Officer for election procedures.

A Guard member or former Guard member who is not currently on active duty should deal with VA directly. VA says the best thing to do is to file an application for benefits (VA Form 22-1995) and include a statement that "I wish to elect the Montgomery G.I. Bill—Active Duty based on National Guard service under Public Law 104-275."

VA will make an eligibility determination and advise if you should send in the \$1,200. You can get the application form and the address of the nearest VA Regional Processing Office by calling VA's toll-free number at 1-800-827-1000. The important thing is to make an election before July 8, 1997.

In some cases VA may need copies of the Guard member's orders to active duty to establish that the service was under title 32. VA says it would be helpful if you furnish a copy of these orders along with your election.

VA says there is a downside to the election if you have already used the same period of service to establish eligibility under the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Selected Reserve. In this situation, you would have to repay the earlier benefits before receiving benefits under the Montgomery G.I. Bill—Active Duty.

For example, if you had already received \$4,000 under the Montgomery G.I. — Selected Reserve, it might not be a good idea to make the election since you would have to attend school nearly 10 months at full time just to work off the \$4,000 debt.

Another downside is that the \$1,200 payment will not be refunded under any circumstances unless the Guard member was not eligible to make the election in the first place. This means that a Guard member who does not use the G.I. Bill loses his or her \$1,200.

VA says that all things considered this G.I. Bill election window is a great opportunity for those National Guard members who qualify. But don't forget the July 8, 1997 deadline. This date is set by legislation and it would literally take an act of Congress to change it.



Executive Institute graduate

Andrea S. Kannegiser of Pass Christian is among more than two dozen upper-level managers in state and local government recently completing the Senior Executive Development Institute at Mississippi State University. Sponsored by the university's John C. Stennis Institute of Government, the unique training program provides practical knowledge on a range of public management issues. Kannegiser is director of interdisciplinary programs for the state Department of Mental Health's South Mississippi Regional Center. Retaining her position as Stennis Institute Director, W. Martin "Marty" Freeman.

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Fordice addresses 50th Girls State convention

Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice urged more than 500 Girls State delegates gathered on the University of Southern Mississippi campus recently to get involved in politics to make government more responsive.

Speaking at USM's Bennett Auditorium, Fordice criticized the federal government for being lax in addressing the problem of the national deficit and told some 540 rising high school seniors to support candidates for office who will make a difference.

Girls State is designed to teach young women about the inner workings of government and the political process. The delegates meet for a week to set up a mythical state, "Magnolia," and a mock government that consists of a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, insurance commissioner and agriculture commissioner.

Local governments also are

established, with "cities" on each floor of the dorms that the girls reside in. A mock election was held to select state officers.

The governor advised reading biographies of great leaders and the "original writings of the founding fathers," such as the Constitution of the United States and the Federalist Papers, to better understand our democratic system of government — what he called "this ongoing experiment of self-governance."

Fordice also encouraged the delegates to pursue careers that have in the past been primarily dominated by men — such as math, science and engineering. He said there are some college graduates who bag groceries for a living, but maintained it was because of the curriculum they had pursued.

"Please don't shy away from the difficult courses," he said. "They will put you in more demand in this economy."

Troopers halt solicitations

The Mississippi State Troopers Association (MSTA) has voted to discontinue its past telemarketing fund-raising efforts to support a direct mail program.

The new program will include a mailing to over 100,000 Mississippi homes seeking contributions to support aid to trooper families in the event of accident or tragedy, legislative efforts to more effectively enforce the law, crime prevention education and other worthwhile programs.

"In the past, 68 percent of the funds raised for the troopers went to the telemarketing company, with the nonprofit association retaining only 32 percent," said MSTA President Lt. Donald Rawson.

"We know that direct mail will allow us to retain all of the donations we collect without bothersome home telephone calls," he added.

Rawson also noted there has been some concern about fraudulent telephone solicitations in the past.

"We are the Mississippi State Troopers Association," said Rawson. "If the public is getting any phone calls from persons claiming to represent the MSTA, it's not from us."

The MSTA will continue business to business telephone solicitations to sell advertising space for their nationwide magazine.

For information on the MSTA program call 601-987-1458.

Slade award winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Branden N. Slade from Waveland has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

The award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Slade, who attends Bay Middle School, was nominated for the national award by Matt Beiers, science teacher at the school.

Slade will appear in the United States Achievement

Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally. Slade is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Slade of Waveland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Hasselbeck of Kenner.



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June 16-30
At Casino Magic Bay St. Louis and Biloxi guests earning 100 points on the Magic Money card receive a free beach bag. Must earn a minimum of 100 points within 24 hours to receive a bag. Points must be earned on the day of redemption.

Double Points — Each Tuesday in June Magic Money Players Club members receive double cash points and double Christmas Shopping Points. Magic Money membership is free. Starts June 10.

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Entertainment

Bay St. Louis
June 12, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; Pure Gold, 8 and 10:30 p.m.

June 13, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; Pure Gold, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Davis & Sax, midnight-4 a.m.

June 14, Prime Time, noon-4 p.m.; Pure Gold, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Davis & Sax, midnight-4 a.m.

June 15, Pure Gold, 6 and 8:30 p.m.

June 17-19, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; Chosen Few, 8 and 10:30 p.m.

June 20, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; Doug Kershaw, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Chosen Few, midnight-4 a.m.

June 21, Primetime, noon-4 p.m.; Doug Kershaw, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Chosen Few, midnight-4 a.m.

June 22, Chosen Few 6 and 8:30 p.m.

June 24-26, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; T. Graham Brown, 8 and 10:30 p.m.

June 27, Bobby Allison, noon-4 p.m.; T. Graham Brown, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Ed McDaniels, midnight-4 a.m.

June 28, Primetime, noon-4 p.m.; T. Graham Brown, 8 and 10:30 p.m.; Ed McDaniels, midnight-4 a.m.

June 29, Primetime, 6 and 8:30 p.m.

All shows free and on the casino's main lobby stage, unless otherwise indicated.

Grand Casino

Butterbean fights Sunday

Biloxi Grand Theatre, in association with Top Rank Inc. will present an afternoon of live boxing on CBS Sports on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15. Saturday's main event will feature five-time world champion James "Lights Out" Toney and native Pennsylvanian Steve Little in what should be an exciting 12-round war.

Sunday's 10-round event will be between WBC #10 rated Joe Hipp and former UTEP line-backer Ross Puritty. A full undercard will be featured each day. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with the first match beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Toney (54-4-2, 35 KO's) is the WBU Cruiserweight Champion and former World Champion.

Hipp (38-4, 27 KO's) has not been beaten in over a year.

Lucia Jijker (6-0, 5 KO's), a native from Holland will fight Saturday, June 14. Rijkker, a lightweight, is trained by former long-time pro fighter Freddie Roach and is regarded as one of the hardest hitting women in America. She is known as "the girl Christy Martin will not fight."

Additionally, Japser, Ala. native Butterbean will be featured on Sunday's undercard in the super heavyweight division. The 330-pounder is holder of the IBA Super Heavyweight Championship.

Also on Saturday night, June 14 at both Grand Casino Biloxi and Grand Casino Gulfport, guests can see Oscar De La Hoya and David Kamau fight free on all casino televisions.

Tickets are now on sale at Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (601-436-2804) or 1-800-WIN-2-WIN and at all TicketMaster outlets. Ticket prices range between \$15-\$45.

Isle of Capri Casino-Biloxi announces staff promotions

William "Billy" Creel has recently been promoted to senior director of operations at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort.

Creel, who joined the Isle of Capri before its opening in August 1992, most recently served as director of community development and special events.

His new position will include administrative responsibilities in the areas of hotel, food and beverage, security, facilities, gaming as well as hotel new development.

Prior to joining the Isle of Capri, Creel who has over 30 years experience in the hospitality industry, served as general manager of the Biloxi Hilton for 16 years.

Bill Fishman has recently been promoted to director of casino operations at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort.

Fishman, who has been with the Isle since its opening in 1992, formerly served as director of slot operations. In his new position, he will be responsible for overseeing the slot and table games departments.

Prior to joining the Isle of Capri Casino, Fishman served as slot shift manager in Atlantic City for Trump Taj Mahal Casino and Resort for three years and Resorts Internationals

from 1979 to 1989. He has over 18 years experience in the gaming industry.

Cheryl Fulton, who recently been promoted to senior director of finance at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort. Fulton also joined the Isle of Capri before its opening in August 1992 as director of finance.

Through her promotion, she has increased her responsibilities to include more administrative activities with the property. She will continue to oversee all functions of auditing, accounting, purchasing, retail, data processing and operation of the count rooms and casino cages for the Isle.

Prior to the Isle, Fulton served as controller and assistant general manager for Steamboat Casinos Cruises in Iowa. She also held the position of vice president of operations for an Iowa-based convenience store company for 13 years.

Rich Westfall has recently been promoted to senior director of marketing at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort. Westfall joined the Isle before the casino opened its doors in August of 1992.

He will continue to be responsible for handling all aspects of the marketing department including advertising, public relations, sales, promotions, special events and entertainment for the casino. With his new position he will also oversee all player development activities and VIP events.

Prior to his position with the Isle, Westfall served as promotions manager for Steamboat Casino Cruises in Iowa and as executive director of marketing for Splashtown USA in Houston, Texas. He also has over 20 years experience in theme park marketing and management including 12 years with Six Flags over Texas.

Sherry Rath has recently been promoted to credit manager at the Isle of Capri Casino Crowne Plaza Resort. Rath, who joined the Isle in February of 1993 as a credit clerk, most recently served as credit supervisor.

Her new responsibilities will include overseeing all day-to-day activities of the credit division including check cashing and extending credit lines for marker players.

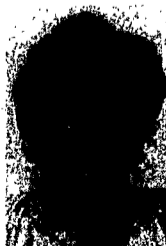
Prior to the Isle, Rath was co-owner of an antiques business in Vancleave for three years. She also has 15 years experience in the finance industry holding several positions with credit unions including loan manager, collection manager and general manager.



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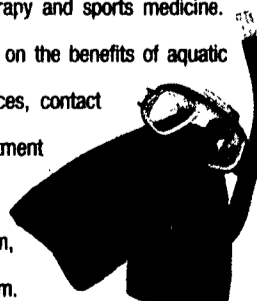
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Per Capita Personal Income, by State and Region, 1996

State	Dollars	Percent of National Average	Rank in U.S.
United States	\$24,231	100	NA
Alabama	20,055	83	39
Alaska	24,558	101	19
Arizona	20,989	87	36
Arkansas	18,928	78	47
California	25,144	104	12
Colorado	25,084	104	13
Connecticut	33,189	137	1
Delaware	27,622	114	5
D.C.	34,932	144	NA
Florida	24,104	99	20
Georgia	22,709	94	26
Hawaii	25,159	104	11
Idaho	19,539	81	43
Illinois	26,598	110	7
Indiana	22,440	93	29
Iowa	22,560	93	28
Kansas	23,281	96	22
Kentucky	19,687	81	42
Louisiana	19,824	82	40
Maine	20,826	86	37
Maryland	27,221	112	6
Massachusetts	29,439	121	3
Michigan	24,810	102	16
Minnesota	25,580	106	9
Mississippi	17,471	72	50
Missouri	22,864	94	25
Montana	19,047	79	46
Nebraska	23,047	95	24
Nevada	25,451	105	10
New Hampshire	26,520	109	8
New Jersey	31,053	128	2
New Mexico	18,770	77	48
New York	28,782	119	4
North Carolina	22,010	91	32
North Dakota	20,710	85	38
Ohio	23,537	97	21
Oklahoma	19,350	80	44
Oregon	22,668	94	27
Pennsylvania	24,668	102	18
Rhode Island	24,765	102	17
South Carolina	19,755	82	41
South Dakota	21,516	89	34
Tennessee	21,764	90	33
Texas	22,045	91	31
Utah	19,156	79	45
Vermont	22,124	91	30
Virginia	24,925	103	14
Washington	24,838	103	15
West Virginia	18,444	76	49
Wisconsin	23,269	96	23
Wyoming	21,245	88	35

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, April 1997.

Farm Credit reports first quarter earnings

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated lending associations reported combined first quarter 1997 earnings of \$22 million, compared to net income of \$27.6 million for the first three months of 1996.

The difference in first quarter net earnings compared to one year ago is attributed primarily to decreases in net interest income and in gains on the sale of other property owned.

During the first quarter, mortgage loan volume grew by \$75.8 million, while production volume experienced a \$65.2 million, or 7.2 percent, decrease in total loans. Total gross loan volume at March 31, 1997, was \$3.89 billion, compared to \$3.9 billion at year-end 1996.

Member equity grew to \$887 million at quarter-end, from \$879 million at December 31, 1996.

Bank CEO Arnold R. Henson said district performance for the first quarter is on track with targets set by the bank and associations for the period.

"The condition of the bank and affiliated associations in our territory is very strong. While we are optimistic that 1997 will be another good year, we are evaluating activities impacting the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication efforts and are concerned about any potential loan loss that may be experienced as

a result of the Texas Supreme Court's ruling halting eradication efforts," he said.

The bank and seven Production Credit Associations had approximately \$37 million in loans outstanding to the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at April 30, 1997, when the court ruled that the statute creating the Foundation was unconstitutional. These loans have been placed in nonaccrual status, pending final outcome of this matter, and approximately \$90,000 in interest income recorded in 1997 has been reversed. The Foundation currently is pursuing both judicial and legislative remedies to permit continuation of the program.

"We applaud the legislature's efforts to restore the boll weevil program and feel it is critical that a legislative solution include provisions to ensure the repayment of the foundation's present debt obligations," said Henson.

The Farm Credit Bank of Texas and its affiliated Production Credit Association and Federal Land Bank Associations are member-owned agricultural lending cooperatives serving producers in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and Texas. Combined assets totaled \$4.5 billion at March 31, 1997.

Power company conducting high-tech mapping on Coast

Crews looking like something from the movie "Ghostbusters" will soon be mapping Mississippi Power Company's electric power facilities in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland area.

Beginning in mid-June, crews from MSE Corporation will patrol Mississippi Power lines with backpacks, computers and antennas to gather information about the company's facilities using satellites orbiting the earth.

The high-tech process, called Southern Electric Geographic Information System (SEGIS), is producing computerized maps of Mississippi Power's power lines and facilities.

As the maps are completed, SEGIS gives the company a powerful tool to better serve customers.

"SEGIS maps allow our crews to respond more quickly and accurately to customer inquiries about power outages," said Mississippi Power spokesman Patrick Wylie.

"Because the technology used in the mapping process is unusual looking and because MSE Corporation trucks are from out of town, we want people to know

what we are doing so they won't be concerned."

Once completed, Mississippi Power's more than 6,000 miles of distribution lines, as well as the thousands of poles, transformers, streetlights and other related equipment, will be stored in a computer data bank of maps.

"Currently, most power outages can't be assessed until a lineman goes out and inspects the area," said Wylie. "With SEGIS, we'll know much more about the problem even before crews reach the location."

The company has been gathering SEGIS information since early 1996 in its upstate customer divisions. Mapping along the coastal counties will take approximately a year. The entire SEGIS project is expected to be completed by 1999.

Mississippi Power serves more than 186,000 customers in 23 counties in southeast Mississippi. Mississippi Power is part of Southern Company, which serves more than 11 million people in the southeast United States and is the largest private power producer in the nation.

Web site development firm announces public offering

WaidSoft Inc. has announced that 1.6 million shares of its company are now available through a public placement of private stock. The World Wide Web development and promotion firm has offices in Lincoln, Neb., Biloxi, Mobile, Ala., and Detroit, Mich. The stock offering will allow the fledgling company to expand its services in the region.

"Our goal is to be the primary Web development company from North Dakota to the Gulf Coast, from Detroit to Denver," said WaidSoft CEO Bradley H. Waid. "We have a good foundation and with an infusion of capital, we are in a position to grab a large share of the Midwest."

The public offering will remain open through Aug. 4, 1997. Shares are available by contacting WaidSoft at 1-800-746-8492 or visiting the company's Web site at www.waidsoft.com. Following the initial public offering, the company plans to be traded on the NASDAQ.

WaidSoft started in January 1995, when Barry Waid launched the family business that now helps more than 80 companies in seven states develop and maintain a Web pre-

sence. WaidSoft clients include The Prep Connection, an online directory for top high school athletes, the Nokia Sugar Bowl Tennis Classic and the World Health Foundation.

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Dispute

He's coming to visit after complaints have intensified in recent weeks between homeowners and those living in campers.

It was last August that Gavney announced a crackdown on people he claimed were violating federal regulations and actually living year-round in campers in Shoreline Park and other flood-prone areas of the county.

Gavney sent certified letter to between 125 and 150 residents, mainly in Shoreline Park, whom he alleged were in violation of either health regulations or exceeding the 180 days they can stay on a lot. Gavney warned he would give citizens five to seven days

to get in compliance or they will be ordered to move. Under the law, violators could also be fined up to \$100 per day each day they are not in compliance.

Gavney admitted this week, the crackdown was a dismal failure.

"Only about 15 actually moved out after they got the notice," he said. "The rest of them laughed at me. My hands are tied. I can't do anything more unless I get some backing from the planning commission and the Board of Supervisors."

Gavney said the problem is that in order to go forward with evicting violators, the county has to file charges in the county's Justice Court.

"And, each case would cost

\$44 to file," said Gavney. "I need the supervisors to tell me to take them to court and to put up the money to do it. So far, they haven't given me that backing."

Gavney said he runs a one-man office. Besides issuing permits to those living in the flood plain, he also takes care of zoning business set for hearing before the county Planning Commission, and inspect those premises and others seeking elevation permits to settle in flood areas.

"I'm only one person. There's no way for me to keep up with what's going on all over the county," said Gavney.

Under present laws, people are allowed to bring in a camper on a lot they own in Shoreline

and other areas of the county, but the vehicles must be self-contained with an on-site disposal system. They must also be licensed, self-propelled or able to be towed from the site at a moment's notice.

Electric and security devices must be easily disconnected, and campers are not allowed to build any permanently attached structures, like porches or sheds, onto the vehicles.

A tour by the Echo this week showed many of the campers photographed there last August were still in the same place. Many had no current license tags, some connections for electricity were exposed on others; and some tin roof sheds were being built on some sites. Many lots had boards, bricks, appliances, used vehicles and other items strewn across the area.

Gavney confirmed that in mid-May, he went out to Tahiti and stopped one camper from putting up a covered pavilion on his property.

"But, I later learned they finished it over the weekend, then they came to my office downtown, paid the \$50 and requested a public hearing to request a waiver to build the structure they have already built."

On the same property, the Echo photographed three recreational vehicles now on site, although Gavney said they have a permit for only one.

Billy Stutson, who built a raised home on Devon Street, is among property owners in Shoreline Park, who have been trying to remedy the situation since 1995 to no avail.

He readily places some of the blame about what has happened at Shoreline Park solely on the shoulders of real estate agents who sold the property.

"When I bought, I was told the subdivision had covenants, and only single houses could be built. After I built, I found out the subdivision covenants had expired in 1987 and campers were allowed in here," he said.

Stutson said his main worry was in the event of high tides or a hurricane, "All the trash and garbage will slam into my yard and the yards of my neighbors. But, he added, the mere presence of the campers serves to devalue his house, which he said he built at a cost of over \$100,000.

Stutson, who works in New Orleans, but commutes back to Shoreline Park every weekday, says he and other homeowners "have written to everybody we can."

"We've written the county Health Department complaining that these people are dumping raw sewerage directly into the river. We asked them to stop issuing permits."

Stutson said he's also complained to Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran. "He says he can't do anything about it, much like Mr. (Mike) Ladner told us before him," said Stutson. (Calls into Moran were not returned before going to press).

Stutson said his group has also called on FEMA in the past and recently "to come down and investigate this situation."

"If someone came, they didn't contact us," he said.

One camper living near Stutson fears for his safety and

asked to remain anonymous.

He alleges Stutson and others "Are always calling the sheriff out here for one thing or another."

He won't name names, but claims some homeowners "have even threatened to burn us out."

He said the sheriff sent two deputies out last week due to a complaint from a homeowner.

Peterson says his department tries to refer all complaints to Gavney, rather than send deputies out. But, many of the complaints are lodged on weekends when Gavney's office is closed.

The definition of recreation vehicles or campers or where they should be allowed was not addressed in the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance passed last January by supervisors.

At its regular monthly meeting, June 5, the Planning Commission held an advertised public hearing to get citizens and commission input on regulations aimed at defining and controlling recreational vehicles and campers throughout the county.

No one came to speak for or against the proposed amendments, but the Commission temporarily tabled the measure until their recess meeting near the end of this month.

The consensus of commissioners was that they want to find a way through the zoning ordinance to allow the vehicles in certain areas, but to shorten the length of time they can stay.

Skip Marsh, vice chairman of the planning board, said if he had his way, he would ban the vehicles entirely from any area zoned single family residential.

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Serving on that first city council along with Thriffiley were Fred Wagner, Harry Farve, Wilmer Seymour and Peter Benvenuti. Larry Bennett was the mayor.

Thriffiley's campaign for the first election was about the same as it was this year.

"I don't have any signs, I go door to door," Thriffiley explained, adding that his wife, Jean Ann, has always been responsible for running his campaign.

Originally from Arabi, La, Thriffiley moved to Bay St. Louis with Jean Ann in 1966 when he took a job as baseball coach at St. Stanislaus.

Coincidentally, Favre was one of Thriffiley's players at Stanislaus.

"He was a first string catcher as a freshman," Thriffiley recalled.

He has worked at St. Stanislaus since then, and has been in the insurance business since 1969. Thriffiley is an independent insurance agent working at Treutel Insurance Agency.

He and his wife have three sons James, IV, 29; Todd, 28; and Tate, 22.

When the new form of government was approved, Thriffiley decided to run because it was a chance to be more involved in the community without having to give up his career.

Over the past 20 years, many things have changed in the city, including the influx of gaming.

"I've been in office 15 years before gaming and five years

during gaming and that is the biggest change in the city," said Thriffiley.

While gaming has increased the city's coffers, there was much concern from citizens over what it would ultimately do to the city's personality.

This has been the concern of many citizens over the past twenty years, not only concerning gaming, but in other instances of commercial growth.

One of Thriffiley's biggest commitments is to preserving the way of life he said is most valued by residents and visitors.

"I think I keep getting re-elected because people realize that, from the first day, we've had people wanting to come in and take over and direct the town to their way of thinking so they could make a profit off the essence of the community and, when they are finished, leave the community in shambles," Thriffiley said. "It's extremely hard work to protect people from those who seek to destroy what we have so they can make a profit."

Some of the growth which has helped develop the "personality" people want so zealously protected has come in Thriffiley's own Ward 2. Bay St. Louis has developed into quite an art colony and Thriffiley said the city is attracting a greater number of serious business operators.

"Jerry Dixon and Nadine Stamm made major investments in the community to sti-

mulate the art community," Thriffiley said, explaining the development. "Jerry has allowed many, many local artists to develop."

No job is perfect and, as with any councilmember, Thriffiley gets his share of complaints from constituents, but has remained positive about it, even after 20 years.

"All complaints are legitimate," he said. "The only ones I consider distasteful are neighbors who have complaints about each other. Disputes between neighbors take the most concern."

On controversial issues which come before the council, such as variances needed for new businesses or construction, Thriffiley said he seeks feedback from his constituents to aid in making his decision.

"You're elected to represent the people. I like to survey the people to see how they feel about something next to their home," he explained. "It's not my right to destroy the quality of life when something by law is not allowed and needs a special exception."

This year there will be some new faces on the city council. For the first time in the city's history two women will serve as council members.

For Thriffiley, it is the beginning of the 21st year in what he said has been a very enjoyable experience.

"I have been very fortunate to serve for 20 years," Thriffiley said. "I have seen a lot of people who really care about this city."

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Trapping

Wellman" and she wanted to talk to company officials. She said the hogs were "defenseless," and added that several of Port Bienville's major industrial tenants are against the Commission's plan of trapping the animals.

According to Hoffman, the companies wish to remain anonymous, but warned, "don't think they will sit quietly while a wholesale slaughter is occurring."

"You would not want to be perceived as being quick to pull the trigger," she told commission members.

P&H President and longtime commission member Dave McDonald was quick to point out that the board "encourages wildlife" at the 3,600-acre facility.

"None (of the wildlife) are destructive or dangerous to us," he said. "We simply have a problem with the hogs. Don't think the hogs are friendly to anyone who walks up to them."

"If we had a derailment (caused by the rooting out of the railroad bed by the hogs) I don't have to paint a picture of the kind of destruction that would result," McDonald added. "The hogs have been a major problem for years. We can't continue to have this existing in our industrial park."

At a meeting last month, the P&H approved issuing of at least 10 temporary trapping permits. At least 19 trappers applied for the permits, and their numbers were pulled during Monday's meeting.

P&H Deputy Director Bill Stovall told members of the animal rights' group that the trapping decision is "a done deal." However, he added the total number of hogs trapped would be tracked monthly, and the decision to continue trapping the animals would be reevaluated once concrete data is received and analyzed.

P&H Executive Director Hal

Walters admitted no formal study had been launched to estimate the number of hogs at Port Bienville. He added that due to wetlands, some areas of the state's largest industrial park will never be developed.

"We would like to make that a refuge," Walters said.

Hoffman said that her group "would go do what we must do," although she did not elaborate on her organization's plans. However, her group has hooked up with the Humane Society of the United States to protest the trapping.

"We have to study this to determine which way to go," she said. "We are still talking."

The P&H has adopted a strict set of trapping regulations, including requiring the trap being used allows smaller wildlife to escape in the event they were mistakenly trapped.

Trapping would only take place in daylight hours, traps must be tagged with the trapper's name, address and permit number, trap locations must be shown on a map provided by the P&H and all trappers must have a valid Mississippi hunting license.

Two of the more offensive regulations from the animals rights' activists point of view were that the traps must be checked every two days and that hogs may not leave the park alive.

"(The two-day regulation) is cruel," Moran said. "The hogs should be allowed to have food and water."

Walters explained the stipulation stating the hogs cannot leave the Port alive is a state law.

"We would rather them leave alive," he said.

The group suggested a three-mile area in the back of the park be set aside and fenced and the hogs placed in that area. They also proposed a fence be placed around the railroad tracks, but commission members ex-

pressed concern the hogs would still be able to get around the fences, and damage the railroad base.

Commission officials reiterated their promise that the decision would be reevaluated once data is collected. Walters promised the group that their input would be solicited when making any future decisions regarding the animals.

In other matters: Commission attorney Robert Genin said he doubts the P&H will be able to collect \$133,000 from the Board of Supervisors he had contended was owed to the Commission because it comes from the state's seawall tax. However, he reiterated his contention that the P&H is owed \$144,000 by the supervisors on money collected through a state millage.

"It is my contention we still have every right to that money," Genin said. "If not, I will seek an Attorney General's opinion. I feel very strongly that it's our money."

He added he has discussed the matter with Board of Supervisor attorney Gerald Gex, and that "it's in (Gex's) lap."

The Commission approved a change order totaling nearly \$34,000 for construction of Wellman's rail spur. Sandy soil is the culprit.

It was originally believed only 200 cubic yards of dirt would have to be moved to construct the spur, which will link the Wellman site to the park's main railline.

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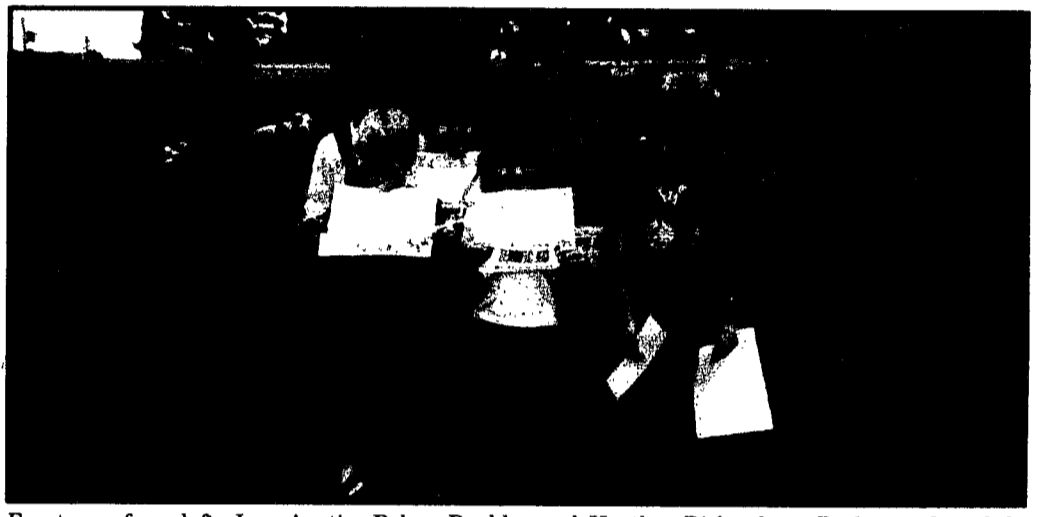
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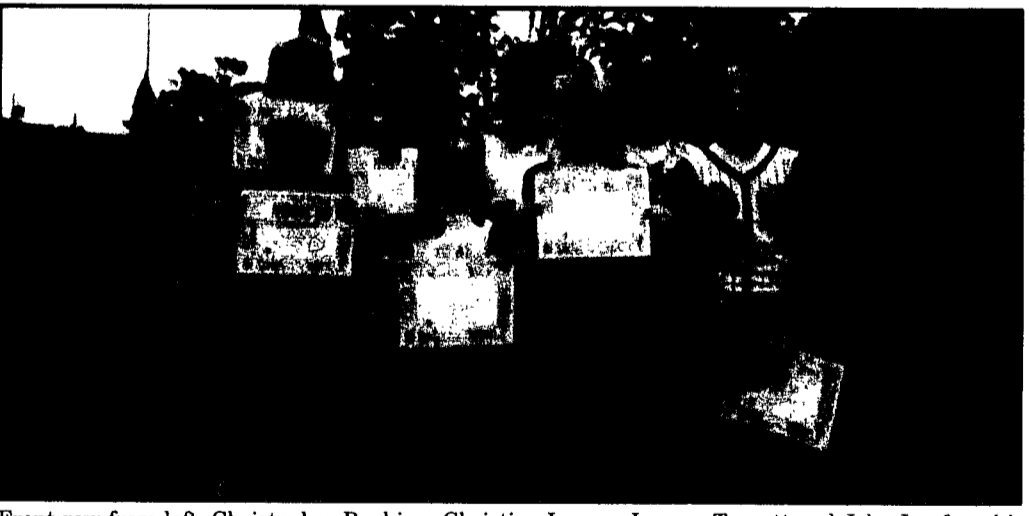
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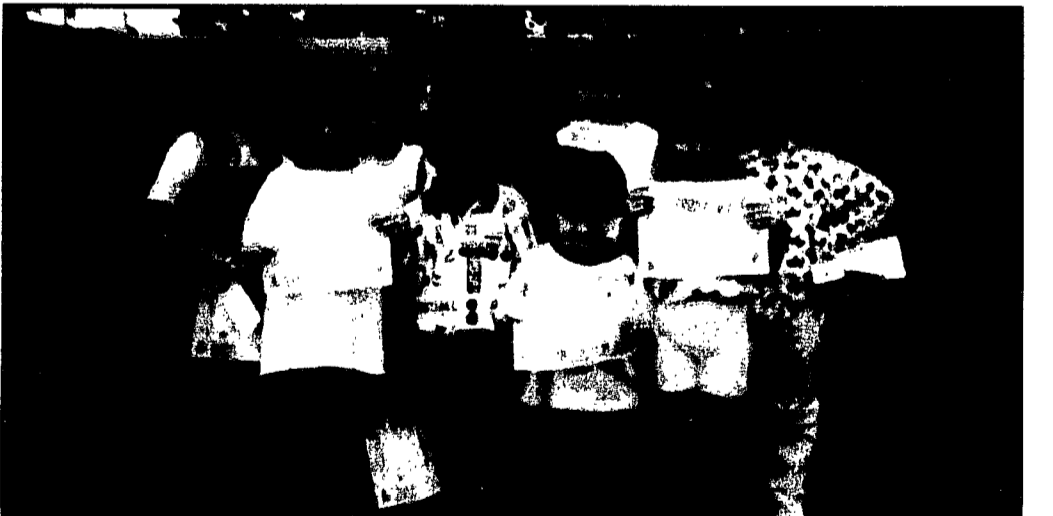
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BETWEEN THE LINES

By Richard Meek

Charles Barkley embodies the idea that he is a role model. No argument there, Charles.

Overpaid referees such as Dennis Rodman, Barry Bonds and Michael Irvin should also share a room in Barkley's out-cast hotel.

But where should today's youngsters look for guidance, for that special someone to shepherd them through the turbulent waters of adolescence and beyond? Should they be forced to find their role models on ESPN?

For Hancock High football coach Rocky Gaudin, he only needed to look in his family and into the eyes of his own father. For there, Gaudin saw the only guidance he would ever need, and through his dad's words, found a credo to live by.

Gaudin's father recently passed away, but a brief conversation with the Hawk coach at his dad's wake left no doubt as to the nature of that father-son relationship. Rocky talked about how his dad never missed a game that he played in, and it was not until the past

couple of years that he ever missed a game where he was coaching.

He mentioned role models more than once, and the tears that filled Gaudin's eyes spoke volumes.

It reminded me of my own relationship with my father. He, too, has always been my role model. To this day, he is still my best friend.

I remember with great fondness the afternoons leaving the football or basketball team, dunking a skinny youngster.

But as I grew older and taller, I grew closer and closer to him.

He also introduced me to the game of golf. As a youngster, I would just walk along while he played with his buddies. But at the age of seven, he bought me my first club, a cutdown 2-wood (no metals or titanium back then but at least the shafts were steel and not hickory) and that further bonded a special relationship. One of my fondest memories as a youth is the first time I beat my dad on the golf course.

Although I do not have the opportunity to play golf with

Who are the role models?

him as much as I would like, our time together on the course is still something I treasure.

As Father's Day approaches, it is perhaps time to examine who our youngsters should emulate. No one should be placed on a pedestal simply because he is a professional athlete or a famous name.

At the heart of every sportsman or sports woman, fathers often do not have a choice. They are role models and morality are displayed and learned.

Youngsters should not be forced to watch Sportscenter to seek out a role model, although athletes such as Emmitt Smith, Cal Ripken Jr. or Karl Malone are not bad people to identify with. Ideally, children should be able to look across the room and see the person they most want to emulate.

However, that is not to excuse the idiocy of many of today's professional athletes.

Granted, they should not be role models, but unfortunately, to many youngsters whose fathers deserted the family unit years ago, that image on television is the closest thing to a father they will ever have.

Father? Not by a long shot. A professional athlete's behavior is a blueprint for life for many youngsters. So it becomes that much more discouraging when a Warren Sapp is arrested for marijuana possession or a Steve Howe is arrested for cocaine.

Professional athletes are role models, and certainly not all fathers are dads. There are many fathers, unfortunately, who are apparently becoming more sparse.

A man such as Percy Gaudin knows what it took to be a dad, not just a father. So did my own father, and the fathers of many others.

A good friend of mine has been a father for many years, but only in the past few months has he become aware of what it takes to be a dad. Both father and son are better because of that awareness.

Even for those who are not parents, actions can still define you as role models. More than ever before, youngsters need that guiding light. We can make sure that light is not coming from a television screen.

Happy Father's Day.

Summer soccer clinic

The Bay Area Youth Soccer League will sponsor a summer soccer clinic July 7-11 at the St. Augustine Seminary field. Guest director will be Luis Sabillon, director of the St. Augustine Select Program and a Louisiana ODF coach.

Age groups will be divided as follows:
U-6 and U-8, 9-11 a.m. daily
U-10 and up, 3-6 p.m. daily
Cost is \$75 per child. Spaces are limited for each session and pre-registration is available. Call Andy Kivlan at 468-2600 or Barbara Brodtmann at 467-1521 for details.

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Open soccer tryouts for boys U-11-12

Tryouts for South Mississippi Soccer Club's U-11 and U-12 Division I teams will be June 16-18. Tryouts are open, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Tryouts will be in the evenings between 6-9 p.m. at the St. Augustine Seminary field. To reach the field take I-10 to exit 28. Exit north and go seven miles until you reach the lighted fields. Bring ball, shin guards and water.

Age requirements:
U-11: birth dates between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987
U-12: birth dates between Aug. 1, 1985 and July 31, 1986

The coaches:
Salomon Kidane, Swedish National Team
Lennart, Swedish Olympic National Team
and professional player in English Premier League, Swedish First Division and East Coast Indoor Soccer League in the U.S.

Mohammed Elalighe: USSF C License, semi-professional player and successful youth coach for over 10 years with district and state championship teams.

For information call between 6-9 p.m. at 467-1188
Mohammed Elalighe: 831-2884
Tom Koger: 467-3763
Chris Johnston: 255-4783

Tryouts set for U-12, Division II

Tryouts for a Division II U-12 Boys team affiliated with Bay Area Youth Soccer will be held at the Seminary field beginning Tuesday, June 17. Players born between Aug. 1, 1985 and July 31, 1987 are eligible to try out.

The tryouts will be made up of three phases. Each participant should attend each of the sessions in order to benefit from a full evaluation. Tryout dates are as follows:

Tuesday, June 17, 2-3 p.m.
Thursday, June 19, 2-3 p.m.
Saturday, June 21, 2-3 p.m.

Registration will take place 20 minutes prior to the first tryout.

St. Rose tennis tourney

The 16th Annual St. Rose de Lima Doubles Tennis Tournament is scheduled June 28-29 at Diamondhead Tennis World.

The deadline is June 27 at 6 p.m. The donation is \$40 per team and includes awards, lunch, a T-shirt and refreshments.

The events include men's and women's doubles, open mixed doubles and senior mixed doubles.

Checks should be made payable to St. Rose de Lima Church, and mailed to Myron Labat at 217 3rd St., Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520. For more information, call Labat at 467-3732.

Proceeds benefit St. Rose.

SSC tennis camp

The St. Stanislaus tennis camp is underway and will run through July 3.

Registration is 5-6 p.m. at the Stanislaus courts.

For more information, call Myron Labat Sr. at 467-3732.

out date. A registration fee of \$40 will be collected at that time. Participants must bring a #4 ball, a water jug, both a white and dark t-shirt, shin guards and cleats.

An article published in the most recent edition of "Mississippi In Touch" outlines the proposed change to the current Division II guidelines. Basically, Division II is a step up in competition from Recreational soccer.

Although tryouts are being held now, the final decision as to which division the squad will compete under will depend on the vote of the general membership at the MYSA annual general meeting, which will be held in July. If the state does not approve the changes to the current Division II policies, the coach and parents will decide the team's future.

Any questions regarding the team, these tryouts, or Division II in general, should be directed to Andy Kivlan, who will be

coaching the squad, at 468-2600.

Anyone wishing to register prior to the tryouts may do so also by contacting him. If you are unable to get in touch with Kivlan, Lori Lewis has agreed to be a secondary contact at 467-4845.

HHS cage meeting

Hancock High basketball coach Michael Ladner is holding a meeting for all parents, players and supporters of the Hawk program on Monday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school gym.

Ladner, who recently was named coach, will answer any questions regarding the program, he said.

A meeting is scheduled from 7:30-8 p.m. for any youngster in grades 7-12 interested in playing for Hancock.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Trustees of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will hold a public hearing on the school district's 1997-98 budget on June 24, 1997, in the Bay St. Louis-Waveland Board Room, 201 Carroll Ave., at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to give the citizens of this school district an opportunity to comment on the budget. The hearing is conducted in compliance with the law as enacted by the 1986 and 1987 Legislature Session.

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Grand Casino Biloxi and Top Rank Inc. will present a full afternoon of live boxing on Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15. Saturday's main event will feature WBU Cruiserweight Champion James "Lights Out" Toney (54-4-2, 35 KO's) and native Pennsylvanian Steve Little (24-14-2, 5 KO's).

A full undercard will include women's lightweight Lucia

Rijker. Rijkier, a native from Holland, is regarded as one of the hardest hitting women in America. She is known as "the girl Christy Martin will not fight." Rijkier will be taking on Cora Moody of Ocala, Fla. on Saturday.

Saturday's undercard will also feature welterweights Bernard Gray (21-7, 14 KO's) and Daniel Santos (8-0, 7 KO's) and

newcomers Kenito Drake and Rod Gillespie making their pro debuts in the lightweight division.

Sunday's 10-round main event will be between WBC #10 rated Joe Hipp (38-4, 27 KO's) and former UTEP linebacker, Ross Puritty (21-10-1, 19 KO's). Hipp is a huge heavyweight (255-pounds in his last fight)

who has eight straight knock-out wins, six in the first round.

Additionally, Jasper, Ala. native Butterbean will be featured on Sunday's undercard in the super heavyweight division. The 330-pounder is the holder of the IBA Super Heavyweight Champion and will take on heavyweight contender Jason Farley (4-0-1, 3 KO's).

Also taking the ring will be lightweights Dominick Carter (24-5, 13 KO's) of Metairie, La. vs. Tim Dendy (17-22-1, 4 KO's) of Jackson, Tenn. and Troy Crain (14-6, 11 KO's) vs. David Diaz (3-0, 0 KO's).

Saturday night, June 14 at both Grand Casino Biloxi and Grand Casino Gulfport, guests can see Oscar De La Hoya and David Kamauf fight free on all casino televisions.

Doors will open at 12:30 p.m.; the first match will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are now on sale at Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (601-436-2804 or 1-800-WIN-2-WIN) and at all TicketMaster outlets. Ticket prices range between \$15 and \$45.

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Ladner wins pro stock feature

Jay Ladner won his first Pro Stock Feature of the season at Sun Coast Speedway in Pass Christian in a race that had its share of action. All feature race lineups were determined by earlier heat race finishes. This placed Rodney Bruce on the pole with Ladner alongside as the green flag dropped on the feature.

Ronnie Roberts, starting from the second row, got into the front wall on the start coming out of turn four. Gary Joiner came upon Roberts with no place to go and unable to stop, slammed into Roberts. Joiner was unable to continue, while Roberts was able to pit and replace three tires under a red flag enabling him to return to his starting position.

Bruce continued to lead, with Ladner in hot pursuit, as they came upon lap traffic. Bruce chose the high side while Ladner went low as the move over flag was being shown.

The lap car moved into Bruce's path causing the two cars to come together resulting in a flat tire for Bruce. Ladner moved out to a comfortable lead as he made his way to the checkers.

Jerry Winstead held off Kevin Bruce and Steve Pate Sr. for a second place finish. Roberts

was unable to overcome the damage to his car and was forced to the pits.

Jimmy Necaise was another driver claiming his first feature in quite a while, as he went flag to flag in the Four Cylinder Modified class. Benny Raynor shared the front row with Necaise and battled for the lead before giving way to Kenny Allison.

Allison was unable to run Necaise down as he finished in the second spot. Raynor rounded out the top three with a third place finish.

Owen Kasabab placed his new Street Stock ride on the pole by virtue of an earlier heat race win. Rodney Barber, who has been the man to beat in this division, also started on the front row as an earlier heat race winner.

Barber moved out to a comfortable lead, making easy work of his flag-to-flag win.

Kasabab was unable to hold off Phillip Hunnicutt and Joe McKay as they battled for position. Hunnicutt also lost the battle for second to McKay as the checkers came out.

Marty Hardy won his first race of his rookie season by claiming the Late Model Sportsman Heat race. This placed Hardy on the pole with Campy

Holley alongside for the feature race.

Billy Joe Schonewitz, who continues to be the man to beat in this class, wasted no time in moving from his second row starting position to challenge for the lead. Hardy was unable to hold off Schonewitz, but was able to hold on to the second spot over Cliff Darby and Holley. After taking over the lead Schonewitz moved to a comfortable lead as he added another feature win to his list.

Kevin Cook won the feature in the Mini-Sprint feature as the small but fast machines swarmed the quarter mile oval. Heat winner Bruce Blaker was unable to run Cook down, settling for a second place finish over Danny Berryhill and heat winner Ashley Odom. Blaker did manage to close the gap but ran out of laps before he could make a serious challenge for the lead.

Matt Fortenberry added another Rookie feature to his count as he out-distanced Arthur Ladner for the win.

USM volleyball camp

The University of Southern Mississippi will hold two Southern Miss Volleyball Camps for girls during July.

The Individual Skills Camp, July 6-9, is for girls entering grades 7-12. The Setter/Middle Hitter Camp, July 12-15, is for girls entering grades 9-12.

Both camps include special features such as a camp photo and certificate, an athletic trainer on staff, swimming with a lifeguard on duty, use of the air-conditioned Payne Center, nightly games, a talent show, information on college-level play, a Mikasa volleyball for each participant, videotaping and a pizza party. Participants will also attend a session on nutrition, strength training and mental training.

The \$225 fee for a resident participant at either camp covers three meals per day, housing, recreational facilities and a camp t-shirt. The \$175 fee for commuters at either camp includes lunch, recreational facilities and a camp t-shirt.

For information or to register, contact USM's Continuing Education at (601) 266-4186.

USM recreational sports honors

A University of Southern Mississippi student from Pass Christian was among 32 honorees May 9 at the USM Department of Recreational Sports Annual Awards Day.

Kelly Melvina Ladhand, 19, a sophomore elementary education major, received the award for most outstanding equipment issue staff member. She is the daughter of Joann Ladhand and the late Jessie Lee Ladhand.

The ceremony recognized outstanding contributions by full-time and student staffers. Recreational Sports employs about 90 student staffers at USN's Payne Center fitness facility and elsewhere, plus about 175 students as intramural sports officials and trainers.

Recreational activities at USM include fitness and wellness programs, aquatics, sports clubs and intramural sports such as flag football and bowling.

Fishing tournament

The Gulf Coast Sportsman Club is sponsoring a fishing tournament open to the public June 14-15.

Individuals do not have to be an active member of the represented club to give that club credit for the accumulated points.

The entry fee is \$20 per person. The money (cash) will be distributed for 10 categories as follows:

First and second places Speckle Trout, Redfish, Flounder and Bass, also largest non-category fish. Party Fund (Friday, June 13, 7:30 at the GCSC clubhouse. For directions call 467-5324.

The winning club will receive a five-foot bragging trophy and will be awarded first place fish, two points; second place fish, one point; largest fish, three points.

The winning club will hold the trophy until the following year.

The scales close at 5 p.m. Sunday, June 15.

Those interested, call 467-5324.

'Obsession' popular boat name

"Obsession" is the most popular name for a boat, according to the annual survey conducted by BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of The United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

The BOAT/U.S. Boat Graphics Department, which produces boat lettering for the Association's 500,000 members, keeps a record of the most-requested names each year.

The 10 most popular boat names for 1997 are:

1. Obsession
2. Osprey
3. Wind Dancer
4. Odyssey
5. Therapy
6. Serenity
7. Fantasea
8. Escape
9. Wet Dream
10. Liquid Asset

Sea Wolves re-sign Fair

The Mississippi Sea Wolves announced they have re-signed Quinn Fair for next season.

The 24-year-old defenseman finished eighth in team scoring with a career-high 12 goals and 34 points in 58 games with the Sea Wolves. He also played nine games with Baltimore in the American Hockey League and two games in the International League with Grand Rapids.

"We are very excited to have arguably one of the best rookie defensemen in the league last season back next season," said coach Bruce Boudreaux.

"However, I would be very

surprised if he was with us all season because he is the consummate defenseman. He is not only good defensively, but because he scored a dozen goals last season, he has just scratched the tip of the iceberg. Quinn loved it here and has indicated he doesn't want to play anywhere else in the ECHL."

The second year pro was selected by Los Angeles (1st choice, 7th overall) in the 1994 Supplemental draft. He played collegiate hockey at Kent State and Bowling Green. Fair will wear #21 in 1997-98.

Boating season prime time for boat burglars

The boating season is underway and boat thieves are on the move, too, according to BOAT/U.S. (Boat Owners Association of The United States), the nation's largest organization of recreational boaters.

Thieves steal an average of 1,000 boats a month at an annual cost to boaters and their insurance companies of \$40 million. More than half of all stolen boats are motorboats in the 18- to 23-foot range. The odds of recovering a stolen vessel are only one in 10, the association said.

Equipment left unsecured on board is also popular with thieves. Electronics such as GPS receivers and LORAN, fishfinders, VHF radios, stereo systems and inflatable dinghies are prime targets.

Some tips from BOAT/U.S. to help protect your boat from thieves:

- Don't make your boat an

easy target. Use theft-warning decals, locks and alarm systems. Anti-theft devices aren't fool-proof, but they can make a boat burglary difficult enough to discourage many crooks.

- Remove valuable items, such as electronics, especially if you plan to be away from your boat for a long time.

- If you leave your boat on a trailer, use a wheel or trailer hitch lock, or remove one or more of the wheels.

- Keep receipts for major equipment purchases and copies of boat ownership documents, as well as photos of your boat and its equipment, on shore in a secure place.

- If your boat or any of its equipment is stolen or vandalized, reporting the incident quickly to the local police and your insurance company may improve the odds of recovery.

Wildcat baseball camp

Pearl River Community College head baseball coach Jim Nightengale will host two separate Wildcat Baseball Camps June 23-26 (Monday through Thursday) on the PRCC baseball diamond.

Nightengale is director for the camps which will target 7-11-year-olds and 12-15-year-olds. The 7-11 camp is set for 8:30-11:30 a.m. while the 12-15 camp is set for

12:30-3:30 p.m.

The camps will emphasize the fundamentals of throwing, batting and fielding.

Cost for each camper is \$45, however, any team sending five or more players will receive a \$5 discount for each player.

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Pela named OLA Star Student

Emily Pela, senior at Our Lady Academy, has been named as a STAR Student for the 1996-97 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council sponsor of the program.

The OLA student was honored at the MEC's Education Celebration April 11 at Mississippi College in Clinton.

Star students are selected from accredited high schools on the basis of academic excellence. Selections are based on American College Test scores and scholastic averages.

Pela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pela of Gulfport, is a 1997 National Merit Scholarship Finalist and a candidate in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program.

An Alpha Honor Roll student, Pela is a member of the National Honor Society, the National French Honor Society, and the National Latin Honor Society. For four years, she was named a Pepet Student of the Month.

Pela is captain of the OLA Quiz Bowl Team, a member of OLA's Campus Ministry Service Organization, a 1996-97 cheerleader for St. Stanislaus, a member of the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi Search Team, and a member of Gayfers Teen Board.

The Star Student is asked to select a STAR Teacher from among classroom teachers who have made contributions to the student's success. Pela chose Betty Bensabat, her freshman

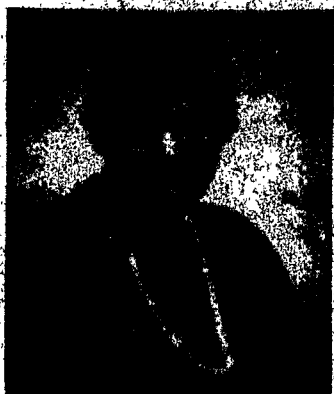
and junior English teacher. Bensabat was selected Star Teacher two other times, in 1990 and 1993.

Bensabat received a BA degree in English at Tulane University and has done graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. and the University of Southern Mississippi at Gulfport.

Bensabat has been teaching freshman and junior English and a number of English electives at OLA since 1987. She has also sponsored the OLA Yearbook and Literary Magazine during this time. Previous to OLA, Bensabat taught at St. Clare Elementary School in Waveland.



Emily Pela



Betty Bensabat

OLA student scores high

Rebecca Walley, junior at Our Lady Academy, is listed among the approximately 50,000 highest scorers in the 1998 National Merit Program, according to Sister Donella Hartman, principal.

Walley took the 1998 PSAT/NMSQT last October to enter the 1998 Merit Scholarship Program. Those students whose Selection Index scores of at least 199 were listed among the highest scorers.

Only about 15,000 of the highest scorers will be named Semifinalists, representing the top scorers in each state.

Semifinalists will be the only students who will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for about 7,000 Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 1998.

Semifinalists and recommended students in the 1998 Merit Program will be informed of their standing in September.

Local gifted student competes

Six Gulf Coast-area students participated in the 1997 Leadership Competitions at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Some 80 students in grades 7-12 participated in the day-long event sponsored by USM in April. The competitions were designed to develop leadership skills and style; to build self-confidence; and to allow young leaders to meet, develop friendships and learn from each other.

Leslie Cordova of Diamondhead, 15, daughter of Anne S. Cordova, won first place in the Division II Art/Graphics and second place in the Division I Art/Graphics competitions.



History Day competition

Dusty Bankston, Dianna Karliner and Natalie Fields represented Bay High School at the Mississippi History Day Competition held in Hattiesburg. The students placed first in the Quiz Bowl Division, competing against students teams from throughout Mississippi. Pictured, from left, are Karliner, Bankston and Fields.

Girls Nation senators, scholarship winners

Two young women from the Hattiesburg area left the 50th session of Girls State Friday with a new perspective on government and politics.

Brandi Wilson and Kristin Hale, both of Oak Grove, will represent the American Legion Auxiliary of Mississippi, which sponsors Girls State, as Girls Nation senators.

Girls Nation will be held July 12-19 in Washington, D.C. Catherine Yuan of Brandon

and Joy Poole of Newton were first and second runners-up for Girls Nation senator, respectively.

Rachel Spear of Bay St. Louis was the recipient of a Samsung American Legion Scholarship, a \$500 scholarship that was begun last year. Spear will now join 96 other national finalists from around the United States in competing for one of 10 scholarships with an expected \$30,000 value.



CES honor society

Coast Episcopal Headmaster Bruce Houghtaling congratulates the three Coast Episcopal students who were inducted into the Gertude Stanton Chapter of the National Honor Society at ceremonies held recently at the school. Pictured with Houghtaling are, from left, Elizabeth Tower, Tara Welch and Mara Soccoccia.

USM President's Dean's lists

The University of Southern Mississippi President's List and Dean's List have been released for the 1997 spring semester.

The President's List includes full-time students who earned a 4.0 grade-point average (all A's).

Dean's List scholars are those with at least a 3.24 grade-point average but less than a 4.0.

Students recognized from the area include:

Bay St. Louis

President's list: Frederick Asher, Shannon Collins, Jeanne Erwin, Julie Heitzmann, Sheila Kosbab, Dwayne

Raphael, Kim Simoneaux, Angie Weems, Troy Schwant.

Dean's list: John Bezou, Jessica Compretta, John Erwin, Deana Miller, Sharon Netto, Heather Pearson, Miranda Smith, Roxanne Smith, Leanna Williams.

Diamondhead

President's list: Lauren Barnes, Bradley Rukes.

Dean's list: Eric Langevin, Leora Madden.

Waveland

President's list: Lorraine Fontenot.

Dean's list: Frank Kerbl, Henry Martinez, Kristie Pearce, Mickey Quinlan, Susanne Robinson.

USM percussion workshop

Experienced and aspiring percussionists can learn more at a Total Percussion Workshop July 18-19 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The two-day event will offer both novice and advanced instruction covering areas including: drum set, keyboard percussion instruments, timpani, orchestral percussion and Latin percussion.

Dr. John Wooton, USM assistant professor of music and author of *The Drummer's Rudimentary Reference Book*, is the workshop director.

The workshop is open to band directors, students, professionals and non-professionals. Participants may select sessions that best fit their needs.

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Our Lady Academy held its annual Alumni Induction and Awards Assembly on May 8. Students, faculty and parents were in attendance for both events.

Alumni Induction
Members of the 1997 graduating class were formally inducted into the SJAOLA Alumni Association by Frances Voelkel, '64 graduate of St. Joseph Academy and religious studies teacher at OLA.

Special Awards
Erin Favre was recognized as the 1997 valedictorian, an outstanding student by the Tandy Technology Scholars Program, which promotes science and technology education, OLA's scholar/athlete of 1997, and OLA's nominee for the Lindy Callahan Scholar Athlete, sponsored by the Mississippi High School Activities Association.

Favre was also given an Outstanding Service Award for her service to Our Lady of the Gulf CCD program by Pat LaFontaine.

Emily Pela, 1997 salutatorian, received special recognition for her high achievement in being named National Merit Finalist and a candidate in the 1997 Presidential Scholars Program.

Pela was also presented as OLA's Star Student for 1996-97. Betty Bensabat, English teacher and sponsor of the yearbook and literary magazine, was recognized as Star Teacher.

Kathryn Scafide received the Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award presented by Sgt. David Jacks.

The Bausch and Lomb Science Award, given to the outstanding junior science student, was awarded to Meredith Quinlan.

The International Foreign Language Award was presented to Amanda Vaughn by Marie Bartels, OLA Spanish Teacher.

Students receiving perfect attendance awards for 1996-97 are Anna Brannin, Greta Miller, Kathy Nguyen, Beth Harris, Jodie Myers, Kim Frazier, Christine Rivera and Kirsten Gilmore.

The Pepsi Students of the Year were named and presented Pepsi medallions by OLA Principal Sister Donella Hartman. They are Jewel Davis, Jill Rutherford, Emily Taylor, Melissa Niolet, Margie Harris and Sarah Taylor.

Students with a 4.0 (all A's) average for the first three quarters of this school year were given special recognition for their academic excellence.

They are Melissa Chapoton, Mindy Davis, Linda Nguyen, Emilie Sciana, Elizabeth Chilmigra, LaTonya Piernas, Lauren Hansell, Sarah Luster, Leslie Esher and Erin Favre.

Other students who made Alpha Honor Roll (3.5-4.0) for the first three quarters were given certificates. They are:

Seventh grade: Colleen Bartholomew, Erica Benvenutti, Jewell Davis, Erin

Gaddy, Jennifer Glover, Mikki Kenny, Emily Meyers, Natalie Mitchell, Victoria Smith, Renee Smith, Elizabeth Tran, Tuyen Tran, Katie Warren, Meghan Williams.

Eighth grade: Rachael Dauro, Katie Dennis, Kristin DeNae Ladner, Mandy McConnell, Nora Oliver, Jill Rutherford.

Ninth grade: Roxanne Fletcher, Elizabeth Harris, Colleen May, Roxanne McCullough, Megan Pigott, Jennifer Samples.

Tenth grade: Mia Alexander, Erin Bourg, Terry Fulford, Alissa Stechmann, Ashley Vinnett, Patricia Williams.

Eleventh grade: Laura Flores, Libby Floyd, Anna Greene, Margie Harris, Mary Nguyen, Carrie Patterson, Beverly Sy.

Twelfth grade: Kieu Huynh, Emily Pela, Carey Sahuque, Yvonne Saloum, Kathryn Scafide, Unita Twigg, Amanda Vaughn.

Presidential Education Awards

Seven seniors qualified for the Presidential Education Award. They are Erin Favre, Emily Pela, Kathryn Scafide, Jessica Strickland, Yvonne Saloum, Unita Twigg and Amanda Vaughn.

Eleven eighth graders qualified for the Presidential Education Award. They are Elizabeth Chilmigra, Katie Dennis, Christie DeRussy, Rhonie Lacoste, Kristen DeNae Ladner, Mary McConnell, Samantha Neal, Nora Oliver, LaTonya Piernas, Jill Rutherford and Natalie May.

National Latin Exam Awards

Six Latin students received awards from the National Latin Exam taken in the spring, including Terry Fulford, Roxanne McCullough, Katy Muir, James Wadsworth, Angela Brown, Ben Crowell, Libby Floyd and Eleanor Bernadas.

Mississippi Youth Legislature

Plaques were given to students for outstanding work with Mississippi Youth Legislature.

Senior High: Ashley Artiges, Libby Floyd, Emily Pela and Vicki McDonald.

Junior High: Lauren Hansell and Emily Taylor.

Gavels were given to Lauren Hansell, Sarah Luster and Emily Taylor for their work with the junior high students. Sarah Luster was recognized for holding the office of assistant Senate messenger.

Leadership certificates for service were given to other Mississippi Youth Legislature students. They are:

Senior High: Emily Alford, Ashley Artiges, Eleanor Bernadas, Aimee Boudreaux, Erin Bourg, Anne Marie Cockfield, Marie Cuevas, Chrissy Debenport, Dana Fillingame, Laura Flores, Elizabeth Floyd, Anna Green, Margie Harris, Erin Harshbarger, Christin Hirsch, Sherry Ladner.

Michelle Madden, Leslie Morel, Mary Nguyen, Melissa Niolet, Carrie Patterson, Jennifer Rader, Christine Rivera, Lacey Sahuque, Erin Seckso, Jessica Strickland, Sarah Tay-

lor, Noel Twigg, Amanda Vaughn, Patricia Williams and Unita Twigg.

Service Awards
Twenty-two students received a service pin from the OLA Campus Ministry Service Organization for their volunteer service of more than 100 hours each during 1996-97. They are:

Seventh grade: Anna Brannin, Shara Conway, Catherine Martello and Chantel Normand.

Eighth grade: Amanda Balentine and Kristen DeNae Ladner.

Tenth grade: Mia Alexander, Angela Brown, Kristyn Kolb and Christine Rivera.

Eleventh grade: Bethany Balentine, Lynn Dubuison, Laura Flores, Anna Greene, Margie Harris and Georgann Moore.

Twelfth grade: Adrienne Bradley, Anna Calton, Erin Favre, Kathryn Scafide, Unita Twigg and Amanda Vaughn.

Fifty-one students were presented certificates for having accomplished 40 or more hours of school and community service. They are:

Seventh grade: Melissa Chapoton, Mindy Davis, Jennifer Glover, Maureen Lynch, Shawn Negrotto, Linda Nguyen, Marjorie Ticer, Tran Tuyen.

Eighth grade: Carlis Cadrecha, Dawn Daigre, Jade Daniel, Rachael Dauro, Katie Dennis, Christen Hartley, Jodie Johnston, Kristen Keating, Rhonie Lacoste, Mandy McConnell, Jessica Warburton, Sandy Whitman.

Freshmen: Christi Klein, Lauren Hansell, Sarah Luster and Jodie Myers.

Sophomores: Connie Balentine, Leslie Bennett, Erin Bourg, Chevonne Daigre, Shelley Hanson, Melissa Niolet, Jennifer Rader, Lindsey Rogers, Lacey Sahuque, Ashley Vinnett, Patricia Williams and Olivia Willis.

Juniors: Emily Alford, Page Harder, Rebecca Landry, Michelle Madden, Mary Nguyen and Beverly Sy.

Seniors: Joy Bordesage, Michelle Dauro, Julie Dreher, Nadia Fairconnetue, Vicki McDonald, Carey Sahuque, Jessica Strickland, Sarah Taylor and Noel Twigg.

Julie Dreher was recognized for service to the Ladner Homes Outreach Ministry by John Switzer, chairman of the religious studies department.

Academic and Achievement Awards

Academic awards were presented to students with the highest average in a subject. Achievement awards were presented to the students with a positive attitude who have shown growth, improvement and contribution to the class.

Students receiving the class academic and achievement awards are:

Business: Mandy McConnell, Amanda Balentine, Kathryn Scafide, Delia Pottee, Carrie Patterson, Julie Ladner, Erin Bourg, Ashley Vinnett, Annette Morel, Julie Dreher, Michelle Cuevas, Julie Sellier and Kieu Huynh.

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English: Jewell Davis, Dianne Ryan, Emilie Sciana, Melissa Chapoton, Greta Miller, Meghan Williams, Mandy McConnell, Kristen LaMarca and LaTonya Piernas, Jill Rutherford, Amy Ellis, Sarah Luster, Lauren Coward, Patricia Williams, Aimee Boudreaux, Lacey Sahuque, Rebecca Walley, Remy Bezou, Erin Favre, Kristina Beuckens, Emily Pela, Rebecca Walley, Lynn Dubuison.

Study Skills: Marjorie Ticer, Jamie Heaton, Ellen Ladner and Brenna Toomey.

Fine Arts: Katy Muir and Shay Coss.

Foreign Language: Libby Floyd, Ben Crowell, Tiffany Herring, Eleanor Bernadas, Christine Rivera, Anne Dane, Sarah Luster, Ashley Blappert, Lyndsie Kivell, Julie Ladner,

Amanda Vaughn and Jessica Strickland.

Music: Linda Nguyen, Emilie Sciana, LaTonya Piernas, Ashley Roth, Leila Gargoum and Carey Sahuque.

Physical Education: Linda Nguyen.

Religious Studies: Emilie Sciana, Melissa Chapoton, Jennifer Glover, Tuyen Tran, Mandy McConnell, Rachael Dauro, Jennifer Gager, Lauren Hansell, Sarah Luster, Meaghan Donohoe, Sarah Luster, Jennifer Samples, Jeanne Fortenberry, Mia Alexander, Leslie Bennett, Tiffany Herring, Julie Sellier, Carrie Patterson, Remy Bezou, Christina Saucier, Erin Favre, Carey Sahuque and Yvonne Saloum.

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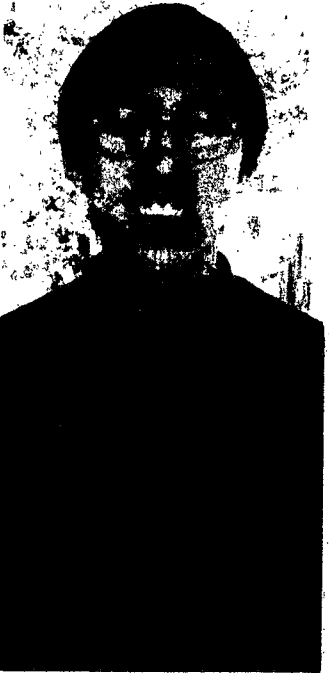
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Li has received the following awards: President's Honor Roll and Student of the Month. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, the Spanish Honor Society, the Computer Club and the Archeology Club. He plans to pursue studies in engineering.

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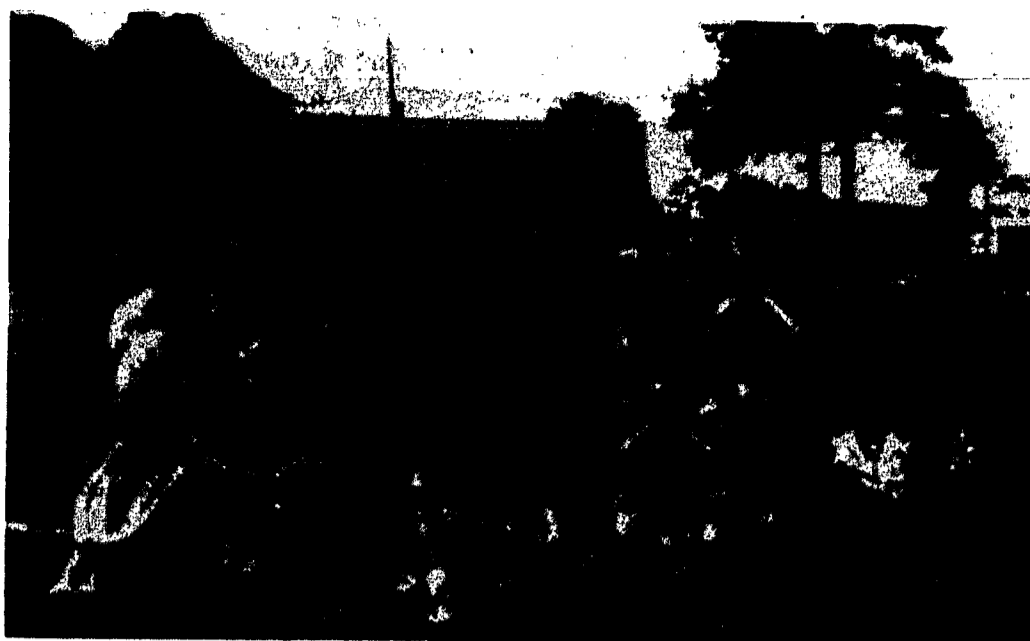
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award

Rebecca Stone Reed, an incoming freshman from Gulfport, has been awarded the Millsaps Award. She is the daughter of Bay-Waveland School Superintendent Dr. Mike Reed. Recipients of the Millsaps Award are chosen from among many applicants. These students exhibit a strong record of academic achievement in college preparatory courses and scholastic aptitude as reflected in test scores; display outstanding leadership qualities; and show promise for contributing to the Millsaps academic program.



Bay High Band 'All Superior'

The Bay High School beginner, Junior High and High School bands competed at the Pearl River Community College Concert Festival May 6. The senior high band received "All-Superior" ratings in concert competition and sight reading competition. The beginner and junior high bands received an overall "Excellent" in concert and "Superior" in sight reading. The director of bands for Bay High School is Catchie Crider. Members of the All-Superior Concert and Sight Reading Senior High Band are: Flute, Merry Moore, Laura Hurt, Tanya Mayne, Amy Propper; clarinet, Jenny Brack, Jennifer Scanlan, Robin Bourn, Kerri Flood, Jennifer Howe; bass clarinet, Justin Wilkinson; alto saxophone, Angela Baldree; Aliassa Necaise, Hazel Payet, Tyrone Dastugue, Catrina Dennis, Jason Heitzmann, Liz Johnson; Amber Burgess; tenor saxophone, Matthew Allen; bari saxophone, Nathan Sretching; French horn, Shanda Marotti, Roger Girtman; trumpet, Jacyln Magelssen, Dugan Walse, Steven Spansel, Brodrick Fulton, Theo Adams, Spring Burgess, Matthew Parker; baritone, Mikhail Steelman, Randi Labbe; trombone, Robin Mason, Jesse Graves, Bobby Oglesby, Lucinda Perniciaro; tuba, Kristian Niolet, T. J. Roger; percussion, Josie Gray, Sean Sharp, David Necaise and A. J. Lind.

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THIRD GRADE

All A's: Michael Catania, Vanessa Peterson, Raven Redler, Whit- ners Seller, Teresa Smith, Andrew Zeringue.

A's & B's: Heather Alley, Adam Benard, Brittany Bostick, Kristen Brewer, Kristina Broussard, Ricky Calhoun, April Carter, Scott Carter, Melissa Crowe, Tabitha Dastugue, Corey Delhommer, Shaun- ce Favre, Travis Finley, Candice Fortenberry, Devon Foucha, Sarah Fricke, Desirae Green, Len Jenkins, Ashley Juneau, Kira Kimbro, Arica Ladner, Brett Ladner, Megan Ladner, Tiffany LaFontaine, Courtney Landrum, Penny Lott, Johnathan Moran, Heather Necaise, Hillary Pagano, Elyse Raymond, Heather Shiyou, Michael Shiyou, David Smith, Jennifer Stojic, Adam Sullivan, Russell Tanguis, Bobby Wood, Katrina Zahniser.

FOURTH GRADE

All A's: Eric Besson, Miranda Rutherford, Elizabeth White.

A's & B's: Andrew Almond, Serena Bane, Katie Burnham, Alicia Cain, Robert Christen, Courtney Davis, Damon Durning, Hannah Fouasnon, Courtney Gaude,

Casey Johnson, Kevin LeBlanc, Danny Lee, Chassity McKinnon, Zoe Milner, Kristy Root, Tina Perkins, Drew Ruhr, Miranda Rutherford, Jessica Seay, Lisa Stoerner, Brandon Strong, Roxanne Vincent.

FIFTH GRADE

All A's: Billy Blair, Chloe Borge- dages, David Fouasnon, Aliana Smith, Lacey Wahl.

A's & B's: Ashley Auxilien, Apolonia Bacallao, Beau Bobbitt, Kellie Bonano, Nicole Copenhaver, Courtney Craft, Rachel Hegler, Djavan Hairbedian, Josh Juneau, Brent McCordle, Sharry Morris, Erik Scharp, Stephanie Sones, Daniel Spiers, Alyse Stephens, Justin Sylvest, Donald Viverito, Elisabeth Troclair, Sherry Wannage, Brandi Yargo, Jeanette White, Eli Willingham.

SIXTH GRADE

All A's: Veronica Fucich, Lori Gaude, Meghan Hedrick, Lisa Peterson, Jessica Stimens.

A's & B's: Brittany Bates, John Behre, Amanda Bonano, James Buras, William Carbonaro, Elizabeth Christen, Terry Carter, Scott Colson, Charles Cox, Tab- betha Daigre, Charlene Johnson, Adam Ladner, Prissy Lee, Samantha McDonald, Joey Noble, Gregory Orr, Kim Phillips, Steve Poyadou, Kacey Watts, John Yargo, Kandi Zahniser.

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May
scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Brian May from Pass Christian has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines.

The scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade-point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted.

May, who attends Pass Christian High School, was nominated for this national award by Mike Ramsey.

He will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

May is the son of Viria May of Pass Christian. His grandparents are Cassie and Zella Franks of Fayette, Ala.

Bottari
honored

Hancock High School student Rachael Catherine Bottari of Bay St. Louis has been awarded a Charter Scholarship to the University of Georgia for the 1997-98 academic year.

Bottari is the daughter of Paul Bottari of Surfside. She will enter the university in the fall and plans to study microbiology/pre-medicine.

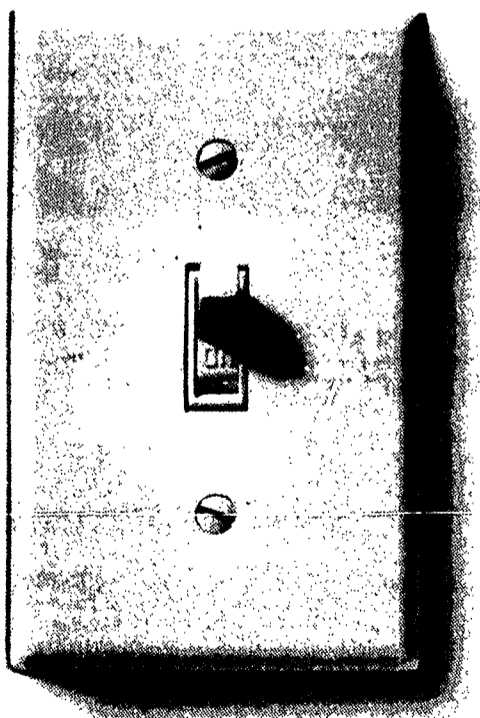
The Charter Scholarship is a competitive, renewable, four-year scholarship awarded to entering freshmen who show great potential in academics, leadership and service.

DAR award

Mark Clark, a member of Pass Christian High School's Class of '97, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award for having demonstrated the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. During his senior year, Clark was president of the Christian Fellowship Club, president of the choir, and a member of the French Club. He is the son of Virgie Clark of Pass Christian.

Scholarship
finalist

Our Lady Academy eighth grader Verina Robiller has been selected as a finalist for Student Space Station Mission 97-B, scheduled July 6-19 at Mississippi College. Robiller is one of only 32 students statewide selected to participate in the program. She was selected on the basis of her leadership and academics exhibited at OLA.



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